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Revision of the Australian millipede genus *Pogonosternum* Jeekel, 1965, with descriptions of two new species (Diplopoda, Polydesmida, Paradoxosomatidae)

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Abstract. The southeastern Australian millipede genus *Pogonosternum* Jeekel, 1965 is revised. *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), *P. adrianae* Jeekel, 1982 and *P. laetificum* Jeekel, 1982 are redescribed; *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. and *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov. are described from Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. *P. nigrovirgatum infusum* Jeekel, 1982 and *P. coniferum* Jeekel, 1965 are junior synonyms of *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902). An updated key to all five species of the genus is presented.

Keywords. Arthropoda, Australia, new species, Bass Strait.

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Introduction

The family Paradoxosomatidae is one of the largest families of millipedes with 198 named genera and at least 975 valid species (Nguyen & Sierwald 2013). Australia has 40 genera and more than 139 described species of predominantly short range endemics (Mesibov 2006–2016) and hundreds of undescribed paradoxosomatid species in New South Wales (Car 2009), Queensland (Mesibov 2008) and Western Australia (Car *et al.* 2013).

Pogonosternum is the dominant genus in the subfamily Australiosomatinae, tribe Antichiropodini in Victoria, which only has two other described Antichiropodini, both in monotypic genera: *Dicranogonus pix* Jeekel, 1982 and *Notodesmus scotius* Chamberlin, 1920.

Pogonosternum was erected by Jeekel (1965) for *Akamptogonus nigrovirgatus* (Carl, 1902), which had been described as *Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum* from Melbourne, Victoria (Carl 1902) and transferred to *Akamptogonus* Attems, 1914 by Attems (1914). *Pogonosternum coniferum* Jeekel, 1965 was then later added (Jeekel 1965), followed by *P. adrianae* Jeekel, 1982, *P. laetificum* Jeekel, 1982 and the subspecies *P. nigrovirgatum infusum* Jeekel, 1982, together with a key to species (Jeekel 1982a).

Although all *Pogonosternum* species were described from Victoria, Jeekel (1982a) and Mesibov & Churchill (2003) both mentioned undescribed *Pogonosternum* species from Tasmania. Moreover, Car (2010) listed two undescribed *Pogonosternum* species from New South Wales. The Tasmanian records are of interest because the other two Victorian antichiropodine genera, *Notodesmus* Chamberlin, 1920 and *Dicranogonus* Jeekel, 1982, also extend to Tasmania (Mesibov 2014; maps in Mesibov 2006–2016).

Relationships within the genus *Pogonosternum* were recently investigated, using an integrative approach incorporating sequence data and morphology of gonopods (Decker 2016a). The phylogenetic analysis revealed five species groups, of which two were undescribed: one from the Australian Alps in New South Wales and Victoria, and another with a trans-Bass Strait distribution in northeastern Tasmania and eastern Victoria. The five species groups exhibit a high intraspecific genetic variability and highly localized haplotypes, suggesting that they were confined to multiple refugia during Pleistocene glacial cycles on the southeastern Australian mainland. Furthermore, the data suggest that northwestern Tasmania was colonized by *P. nigrovirgatum*, probably from central Victoria, and northeastern Tasmania by an as yet undescribed species from eastern Victoria (Decker 2016a).

The present paper reviews the genus *Pogonosternum* based on extensive new collections and adds two new species from Victoria, New South Wales, and Tasmania. Three species are redescribed, one species and one subspecies are synonymised, and an updated key to all species is provided.

Material and methods

Specimen collecting and preservation

Pogonosternum specimens were collected by hand in Victoria and New South Wales in August 2014 by Decker, Voigtländer and Mesibov. Most sites were searched for 1–3 hours with the aim of finding 1–3 adult males; at only a few localities *Pogonosternum* was abundant. Specimens were killed and stored in 95% ethanol, with a change of ethanol (95%) after 1–2 months. Specimens in 70–80% ethanol were borrowed from the collections of various natural history museums noted in the text. A total of 810 specimens were examined, and locality, date, collector, collection number and coordinates (WGS84 decimal degrees) for all records are provided in Supplement 1.

Illustrations

Millipedes were photographed alive in the field. Preserved specimens were imaged with a Leica® Z6 Apo stereo microscope and Leica® DFC420 camera. Focus-stacked images were assembled from 25–40 source images using the software package Leica® Application Suite 4.5.

Gonopod drawings were traced from printed photographic images using a light box.

For scanning electron microscopy (SEM), samples were dehydrated through an ethanol series (80%, 90%, 2× 99.9%), dried in a desiccator overnight, and mounted on aluminium stubs before being sputter coated

with gold-palladium. SEM images were acquired digitally using a JEOL JSM-6510 LV microscope, and samples were removed from stubs and returned to alcohol after examination.

All images were later edited using Adobe Photoshop CS4 and assembled into plates. The distribution map was created with ArcGIS version 10.

The following abbreviations are used in the text and figures

C	=	coxite
F	=	Femorite
fp 1	=	femoral process 1
fp 2	=	femoral process 2
lp	=	lateral process
PF	=	prefemorite
prof	=	prolongation of femorite
S	=	solenomere
stp	=	solenomere tip process.

Institutional abbreviations

AMS	=	Australian Museum, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
ANIC	=	Australian National Insect Collection, CSIRO, Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia
GMNH	=	Muséum d'histoire naturelle de la Ville de Genève, Genève, Switzerland
NBC	=	Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden, Netherlands
NMV	=	Museum Victoria, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
SMNG	=	Senckenberg Museum für Naturkunde Görlitz, Görlitz, Germany
QM	=	Queensland Museum, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
QVMAG	=	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia

Results

Order Polydesmida Pocock, 1887
Family Paradoxosomatidae Daday, 1889
Subfamily Australiosomatinae Brölemann, 1916
Tribe Antichiropodini Brölemann, 1916

Genus *Pogonosternum* Jeekel, 1965

Fig. 1

Type species: *Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum* Carl, 1902, by original designation.

Diagnosis

A small to moderate-sized antichiropodine genus (1.5–2.8 cm) with 1–2 broad, yellowish or yellowish-white longitudinal stripes on dorsum contrasting with more or less dark brown ground; with 20 body rings, each smooth, waist distinct between prozonite and metazonite, pore formula 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15–19; paranota poorly developed on anterior rings, absent on posterior rings; small bean-shaped area present behind each antennal socket; male with femoral process (= adenostyle) on legpair 1 and tarsal and tibial brushes from legpair 1 to legpairs 7–12 (variable); ventrolateral hook-like process on anal valves.

The genus is best defined by the gonopod structure (Fig. 1). All *Pogonosternum* species have an anterior laminate femoral process 1 (*fp1*) with a second adjacent smaller femoral process 2 (*fp2*). A large prolongation of the femorite (*prof*) bears close to its base a lateral femoral sub-process (*lp*), slightly distal to the anteriorly arising solenomere (*S*). The solenomere is long, laminate and nearly semicircular with a single slender solenomere tip process (*stp*) directed apically.

A similarly curving solenomere is present in the antichiropodinae genera *Antichiropus* Attems, 1911, *Helicopodosoma* Verhoeff, 1924 and *Notodesmus* Chamberlin, 1920, but, apart from *Antichiropus*, a prolongation of the femorite (*prof*) is absent or only poorly developed in these genera. *Antichiropus* species differ in having a longer, nearly circular solenomere with a process on its inner surface one third of the distance to the apex and often additional solenomere processes.

In the field, *Pogonosternum* species are easily distinguished from other paradoxosomatid species in southeastern Australia by their distinctive colour pattern and lack of midbody paranota.

Description

The members of the genus *Pogonosternum* are very homogeneous in their morphology, although some non-gonopod characters can be used in combination with gonopod features to distinguish species: body length, colouration, distribution of male leg brushes, coxal processes on second legpair of females and form of anterior spiracles.

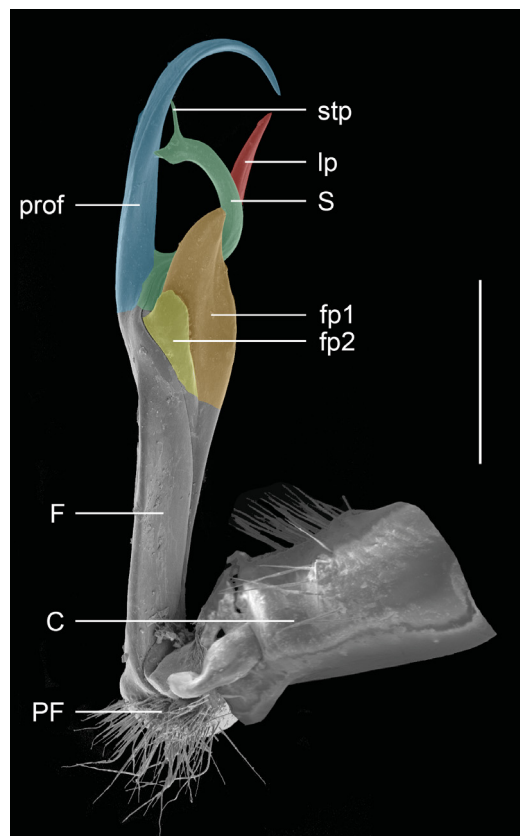


Fig. 1. Right gonopod of *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), mesal view (NMV K-12158). Scale bar: 0.5 mm.

The following general description applies to all species if not otherwise mentioned in the text or descriptions of species.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 8, 12, 15, 18, 22, 26): head blackish brown, lateral side, labrum and behind antennal sockets chestnut brown. Antennae blackish brown; distal margins of antennomeres, basal antennomere and base of setae lighter. Legs chestnut brown, tarsus darker. Collum blackish brown with median brownish-yellowish goblet-shaped stripe narrowing in anterior 1/3 of length from anterior margin. Dorsum with one or two contrasting light yellowish brown, broad, longitudinal stripes reaching from collum to epiproct. Flanks and area around ozopores more or less lighter. Anal ring blackish brown with light yellowish brown median stripe, epiproct entirely light brown to pale. Colour stripe sometimes absent from anal ring and only epiproct lighter. Margin of anal ring and anal valves lighter. Hypoproct pale.

GONOPOD MORPHOLOGY. Parts of the telopodite are named following Car *et al.* (2013), with differing terms used by Jeekel (1965, 1982a) given in brackets (Fig. 1). Coxite = C; femorite = F; femoral process = *fp1* (femoral process, process f), *fp2* (lobe at transition between femur and postfemur, process a); lateral process = *lp* (postfemoral process, process c); prefemorite = PF; prolongation of femorite = *prof* (tibiotarsus, process b); solenomere = S (process k); solenomere tip process = *stp*.

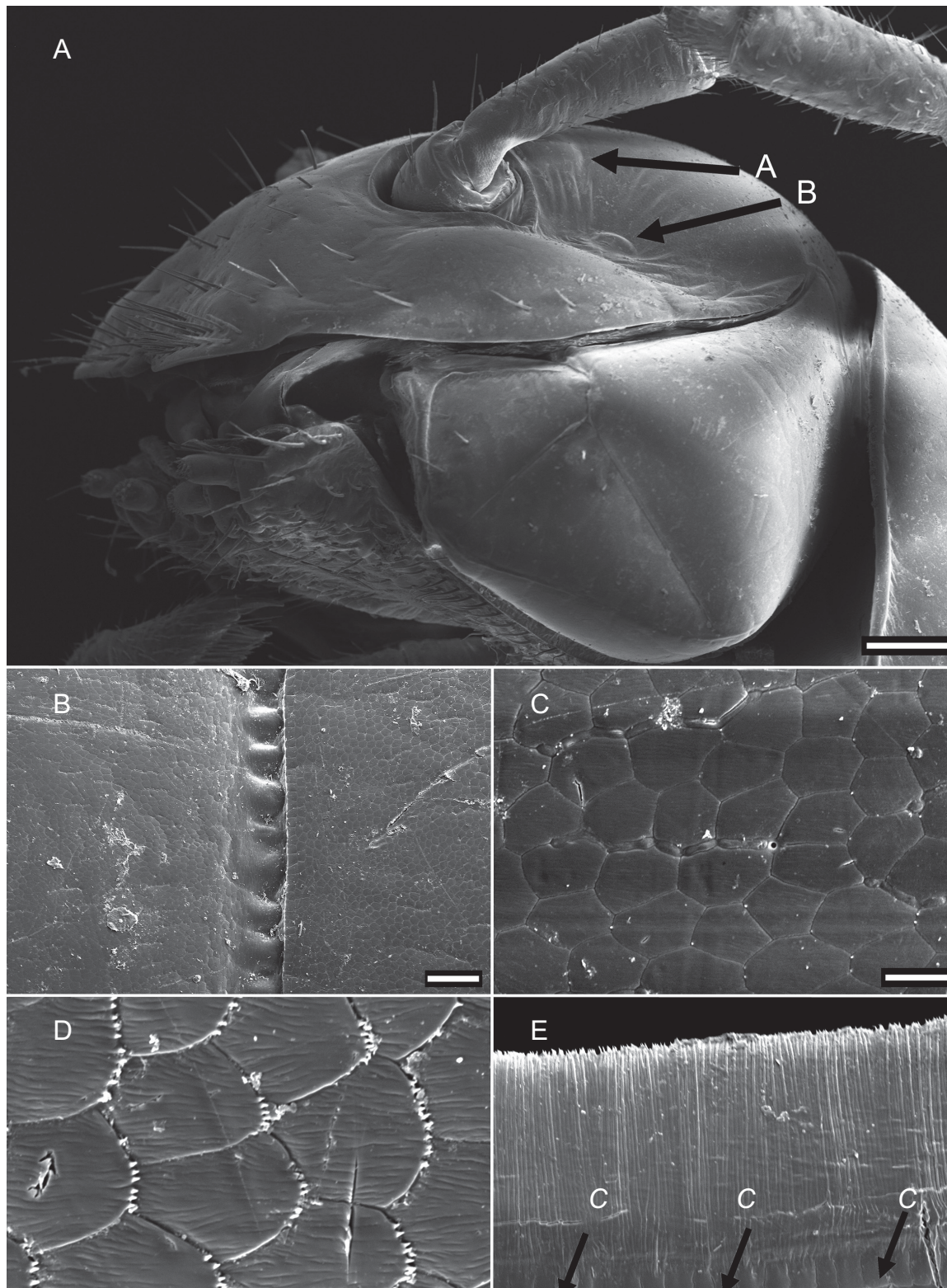


Fig. 2. A. Head, left lateral view *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov. (AMS KS106884). B–E. Midbody ring structure of *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902) (NMV K-12158). B. Suture between prozonite (right) and metazonite (left). C. Metatergite surface with micro-scales and pores. D. Ventral metazonite surface. E. Limbus, dorsal view. Abbreviations: A = beanshaped area; B = lateral circular area; C = micro-pores. Scale bars: A = 0.2 mm, B = 50 μ m, C–E = 10 μ m.

Femorite (*F*) moderately long, moderately slender or slightly enlarged distally. Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) arising from anterior apical part of translucent fringe of femorite, in most species developed as moderate to large subtriangular process. Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) arising mesad-posteriad to femoral process 1 (*fp1*) and, except in *P. adrianae*, often much smaller than *fp1* or greatly reduced, as in *P. laetificum*. Long prolongation of femorite (*prof*) arising posteriorly. Above base of *prof* a slender lateral process (*lp*), except in *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov. where it is on mesal side and arises distal to the solenomere. Semicircular solenomere (*S*) arising anteromesally above *lp*, with a single slender solenomere tip process (*stp*).

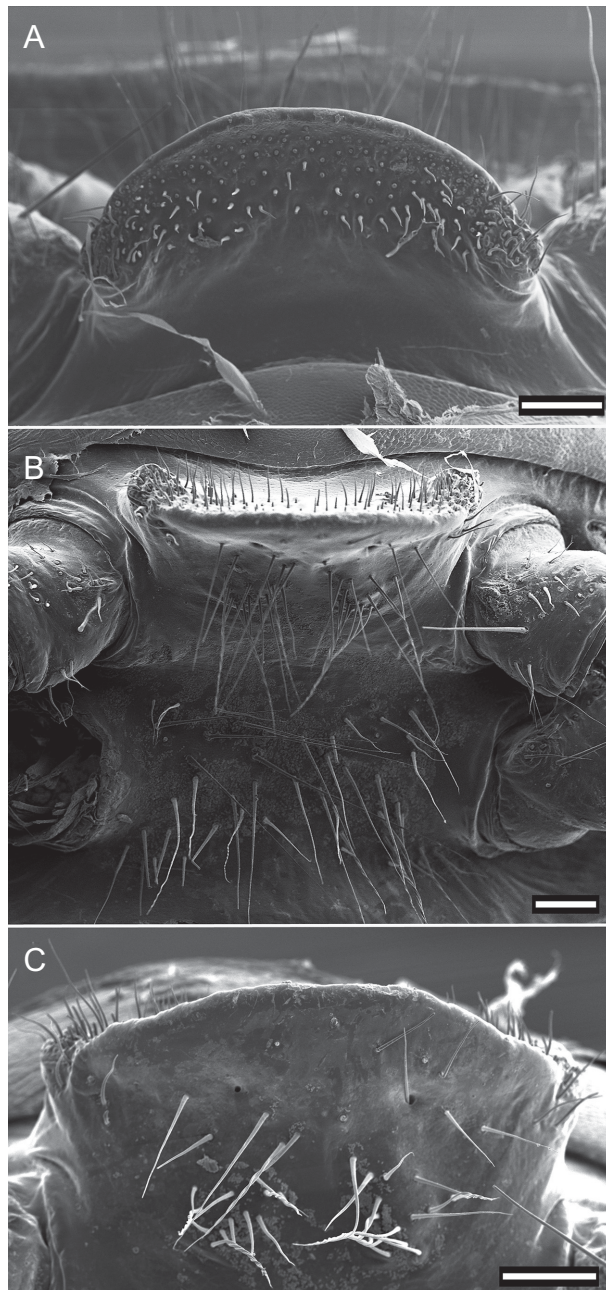


Fig. 3. Male sternite lamella on ring 5 of *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902) (NMV K-12158). **A.** Anterior view. **B.** Ventral view. **C.** Posterior view. Scale bars: 0.1 mm.

The solenomere with its *stp* is the only non-varying feature of the telopodite in the known species of *Pogonosternum*. While intraspecific morphological variability of gonopods in *P. adrianae* and *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov. is low, various local forms and intermediate states of gonopod characters have been found in *P. nigrovirgatum*, *P. laetificum* and *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. As shown by Decker (2016a), the distribution of these variations does not correlate clearly with geographical distribution or phylogenetics.

HEAD. Slightly broader than collum. Frons and vertex sparsely setose, clypeus moderately setose, more dense on labrum. Vertigial sulcus well-defined, starting slightly above level of antennal sockets. Postantennal groove moderately wide and deep, the wall in front not conspicuously prominent. Antenna reaching dorsally when stretched to ring 3. Antennomeres slender, non-clavate, antennomeres 2–6 with equal lengths. Antennomere pubescence moderately dense, denser and longer distally. A slightly swollen and lighter circular area, called the bean-shaped area by Jeekel (1982a), behind antennal sockets and a slightly swollen and lighter circular area in a depression within the postantennal groove (Fig. 2A). The two structures may represent sense organs such as the Tömösváry organ or intracerebral photoreceptors (=accessory lateral eyes), which have not yet been studied in Polydesmida (see Müller & Sombke 2015).

BODY RINGS. Adults with 20 body rings, each smooth. In width, head < collum > ring 2 > 3 > 4 = 5 < 6–16; thereafter body gradually tapering. Collum in dorsal view with anterior margin nearly straight and posterior margin scarcely emarginated; laterally rounded with distinct emargination and a short anterolateral shallow dent. Diplosegments with pronounced

waist, suture moderately deep and strongly corrugated (Fig. 2B). Slightly irregular longitudinal striation sometimes present ventrolaterally. Metatergite with smooth and transverse sulcus from 5th to 17th ring, hardly traceable in last two rings. No setae present on metatergites. Paranota only present on rings 2 and 3, sometimes also on ring 4, as ridge with dorsal furrow caudally curving upwards, on subsequent rings only indicated by irregular striation. In females, pleurites of ring 2 with small lobiform toothed lappet directed caudally. Opening of ozopores on lateral side of metazonite at about two-thirds of metazonite length, each lying inside a shallow round pit. Area around ozopores only very slightly swollen; pore formula 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15–19. Prozonite and metazonite surface with smooth cellular structure at higher magnification. Micro-scales and pores (= micro-scutes, Akkari & Enghoff 2011)

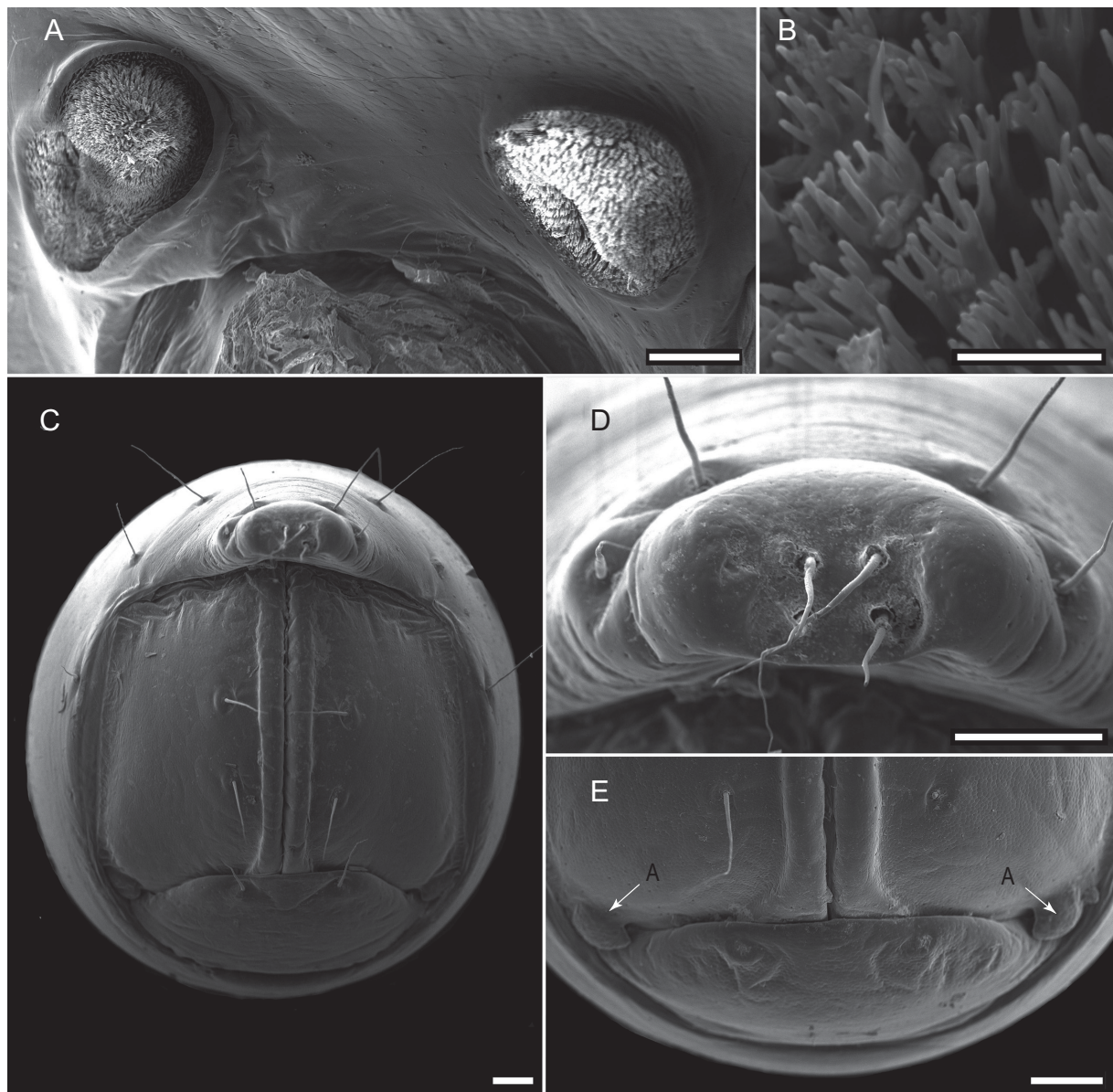


Fig. 4. *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov. A–B. Spiracles on left midbody ring, lateral view (AMS KS 106884). A. Overview of anterior (left) and posterior (right) spiracles. B. Spiracular filter of anterior spiracle. C–E. Telson, posterior view (NMV KS106884). C. Telson overview. D. Spinnerets. E. Anal valves and hypoproct. Abbreviations: A = ventrolateral hook-like process. Scale bars: A = 50 μ m, B = 5 μ m, C, D, E = 0.1 mm.

present on metazonites, especially on metatergites and towards posterior margin (Fig. 2C), ventrally cells with dentation (Fig. 2D). Limbus long, lamellar with microdentate fringe arising from a row of subrectangular cells. Single cells of second cell row anterior to limbus anterolaterally with two micro-pores, between these cells, 3–6 cells without micro-pores (Fig. 2E).

Sternites a little wider than long, transverse depressions deeper than longitudinal, moderate and long setation, directed mostly posteroventrally. Rounded-trapezoidal lamella between anterior legpair on ring 5 (Fig. 3). No significant variation of shape of lamella was observed within or between species. Small to prominent cones near base of anterior and midbody legs pointing ventrad are only present within local populations of *P. nigrovirgatum*.

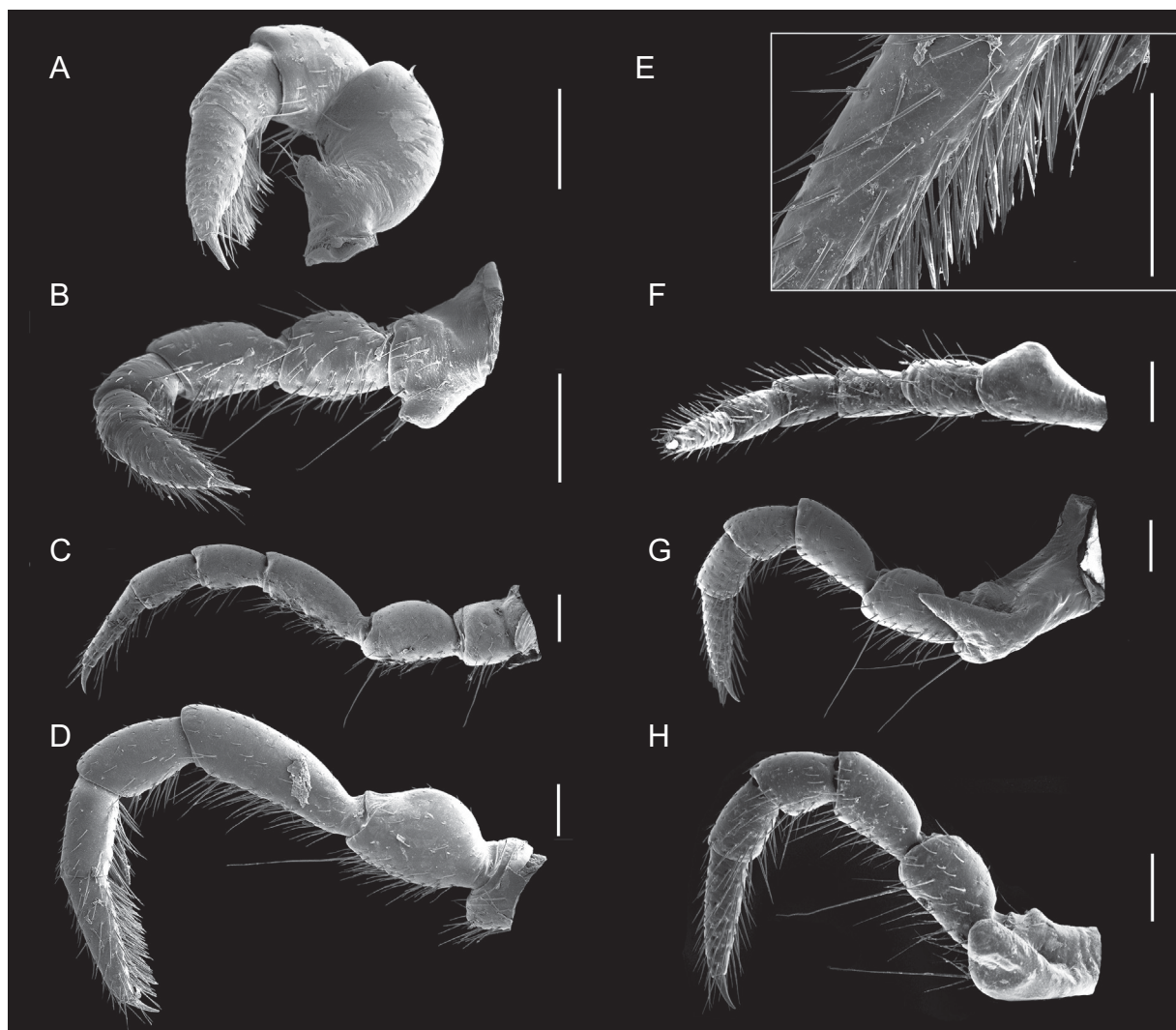


Fig. 5. Legs of *Pogonosternum*. **A, D–E.** *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902) (NMV K-12158). **A.** Male left leg 1, posterior view. **B.** *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902) (QVMAG 23:46359), male right leg 2, anteroventral view. **C.** *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. (AMS KS106742), male midbody leg, anterior view. **D.** Male right leg 7, anterior view. **E.** Male tarsus of right legpair 7, anterior view. **F.** *P. laetificum* Jeeker, 1982 (NMV K-9957), female left leg 2, ventral view. **G.** *P. adrianae* Jeeker, 1982 (NMV K-12203), female left leg 2, anterior view. **H.** *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov. (AMS KS106907), female left leg 2, anterior view. Scale bars: 0.2 mm.

SPIRACLES. Well-separated on diplosegments (Fig. 4A). Anterior spiracle located anterodorsally of anterior leg coxa, posterior spiracle located relatively more anteriorly above posterior leg. Spiracular rim a more or less raised wall. Spiracular opening filled with spiracular filter composed of numerous distally bifurcated lamellae (Fig. 4B); filter can be U-folded or twisted, emergent above rim or not. Anterior spiracles ovoid, rim raised and often with an anterodorsal extension. Posterior spiracle ovoid to subtriangular, rim low without conspicuous extensions.

TELSON. With two dorsolateral setae and one lateral seta in one line on each side with slightly produced papillae (Fig. 4C). Epiproct with tip truncate, slightly curving downwards, lateral and dorsal setal papillae moderately produced. Spinnerets located in smooth depression, arranged in trapezoid with dorsal setae slightly closer together than ventral. A more or less distinct rounded notch located lateral to ventral row of spinnerets. Individual spinneret seta with short single-walled sleeve (Fig. 4D). Anal valves each with two long setae and raised margin, with broad uncinat process on lateroventral portion of anal valves. Hypoproct subtrapezoidal with two long setae and slight depression on laterodorsal portion (Fig. 4E).

LEGS. Of moderate length extending laterally and easily visible from above. All species of *Pogonosternum* have similarly shaped legs. Male legpair 1 with well-developed ventral adenostyle on femur (Fig. 5A). Coxa of legpair 2 with posteroventrally directed conical process bearing laterally a set of setae and the gonopore opening at tip of process (Fig. 5B). Dense setal pads or brushes on tarsus and tibia of males present from legpair 1 to legpair 7–12 (Fig. 5D–E), thereafter gradually thinning out or abruptly absent. Posterior-most walking legs without dense brushes (Fig. 5C).

In female, legs are slightly shorter than in male. Coxa of legpair 2 with prominent swelling on posterior side (Fig. 5F) especially, distinct processes in *P. montanum* sp. nov. and *P. adrianae* (Fig. 5G–H).

VULVA. Subtriangular, widest posteriorly (Fig. 6). Numerous setae on inner and outer valves, longest ventrally and posteriorly. Operculum with 3–4 long and 2–3 small setae on each side ventrally. Above 9–12 moderate long setae. No significant interspecific differences were observed, and both shorter and longer setae on valves can occur within a species.

Distribution

On the Australian mainland, the genus *Pogonosternum* has its main distribution area in eastern, northeastern and central Victoria and southeastern New South Wales (Fig. 7).

Pogonosternum has not yet been found in far Eastern Gippsland or west of the Otway Ranges and the Ballarat area. Like the paradoxosomatid species *Dicranogonus pix* Jeekel, 1982 and

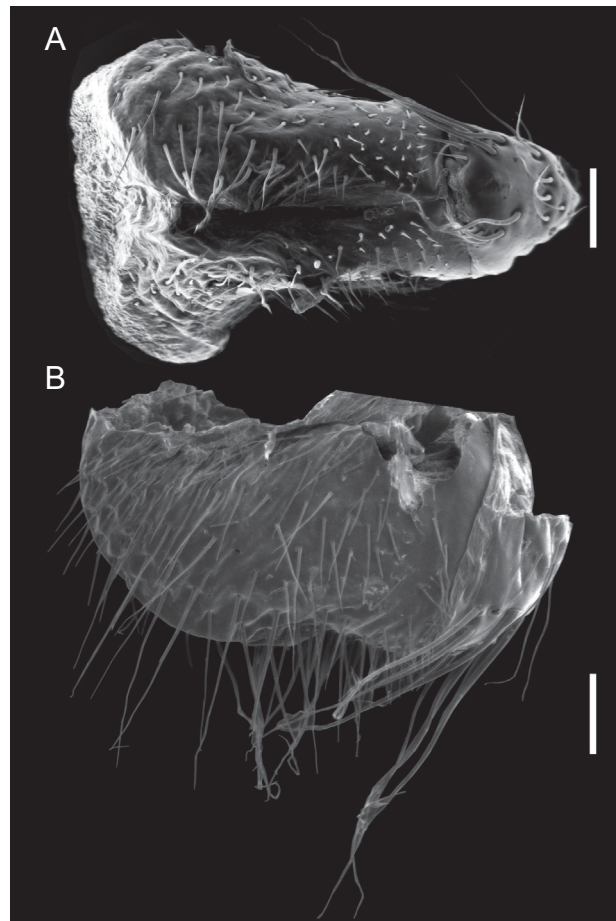


Fig. 6. A. *Pogonosternum laetificum* Jeekel, 1982 (NMV K-12203), right vulva, ventral view. B. *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902) (NMV K-13356), right vulva, lateral view. Scale bars: 0.1 mm.

Notodesmus scotius Chamberlin, 1920 (Mesibov 2014), *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* and *P. jeekeli* sp. nov. have ranges extending from Victoria through the Bass Strait Islands to the Tasmanian mainland. None of the known *Pogonosternum* species can be regarded as a short-range endemic.

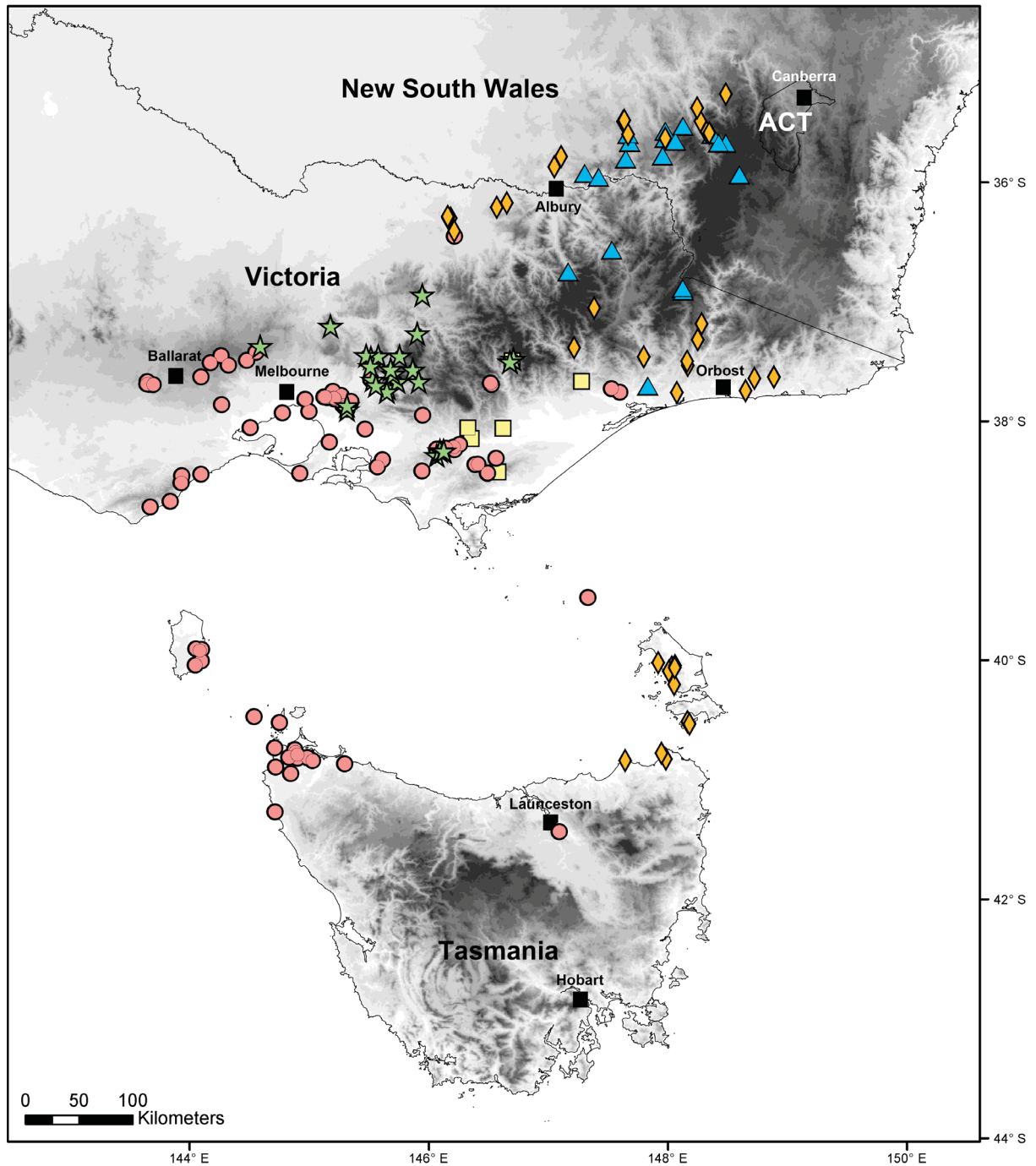


Fig. 7. Map of southeastern Australia and Tasmania, showing the known distribution of *Pogonosternum* spp.: red circles = *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902); green stars = *P. laetificum* Jecker, 1982; yellow squares = *P. adrianae* Jecker, 1982; blue triangles = *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov.; orange diamonds = *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. Abbreviation: ACT = Australian Capital Territory.

Notes on ecology and biology

Adults and juveniles (mostly subadults) of *Pogonosternum* are present on the surface in the cold or cool and rainy winter months, with a mating and activity peak between July and September. The genus can be found from near sea level (*P. nigrovirgatum*, *P. jeekeli* sp. nov.) to 1110 m a.s.l. (*P. montanum* sp. nov. in Kosciuszko National Park) and mostly inhabits forests, but *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. can also be found in coastal heathland in northeastern Tasmania (Mesibov & Churchill 2003), whereas *P. jeekeli* sp. nov. and *P. montanum* sp. nov. also occur in pine plantations (Car 2010). *Pogonosternum* species were preferably recorded from moist, but not wet, leaf litter. In some cases, specimens were found under loose bark on the forest floor and in a few cases, adult males were observed walking during the daytime on gravel roads.

Relationships

According to Jeekel (1982a) the Western Australian genus *Antichiropus* Attems, 1911 or the Queensland genus *Aulacoporus* Verhoeff, 1924 is the nearest relative. Humphreys & Shear (1993) mentioned *Pogonosternum* as related to *Antichiropus* and *Stygiochiropus* Humphreys & Shear 1993. Jeekel (2006) suggested *Howeosoma* Jeekel, 2006 from Lord Howe Island as the nearest relative of *Pogonosternum*.

However, the gonopods of *Pogonosternum* are unique within Antichiropodini, and its relationships within Antichiropodini are unclear due to our lack of understanding of the homology of the different processes of the gonopod. Jeekel (1987: 11) even questioned the division of Australian Australiosomatinae into two tribes: “Although these two groups are maintained here, it must be emphasized that this division probably gives an oversimplified picture of the actual systematic relationship between the genera involved. With the recent discovery of more taxa, it becomes more and more obvious that the classification of the Australian Paradoxosomatidae is more complicated than formerly understood and needs a critical revision”. Future integrative phylogenetic studies covering the described and the many undescribed genera will increase our knowledge of relationships and the importance of gonopod characters.

Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum (Carl, 1902)

Figs 1, 2B–E, 3, 5A–B, D–E, 6B, 7–11, 26A

Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum Carl 1902: 567, figs 1, 2.

Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum infusum Jeekel 1982a: 203, 207; fig. 3; syn. nov.

Pogonosternum coniferum Jeekel 1965: 13, figs 2, 7; syn. nov.

Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum – Brölemann 1916: 539 (mention). — Chamberlin 1920: 120 (record). — Shelley *et al.* 2000: 97 (record).

Akamptogonus nigrovirgatus – Attems 1914: 222 (key, new combination), 223 (record). — Attems 1937: 253–254 (key, redescription), fig. 316. — Jeekel 1968: 18 (record). — Rowe & Sierwald 2006: 533 (mention).

Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum – Jeekel 1965: 9 (redescription, new combination), figs 1, 3–6. — Jeekel 1968: 30 (mention). — Jeekel 1981: 51 (record). — Jeekel 1982a: 202–207 (mention, key). — Decker 2016a: 16–27 (record, mention).

Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum nigrovirgatum – Mesibov 2004: 42 (record). — Nguyen & Sierwald 2013: 1158 (record).

Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum infusum – Mesibov 2004: 42 (record). — Nguyen & Sierwald 2013: 1158 (record).

Pogonosternum coniferum – Jeekel 1968: 20–30 (record, mention). — Jeekel 1981: 51 (record). — Jeekel 1982a: 202–208 (mention, key). — Mesibov 2004: 42 (record). — Nguyen & Sierwald 2013: 1158 (record). — Decker 2016a: 16–25 (record, mention).

Diagnosis

Differs from the other *Pogonosternum* species in having two lighter paramedian stripes and a median darker stripe; from *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., primarily by lateral process (*lp*) often shorter, not reaching or projecting most distad position of prolongation of femorite (*prof*), male tarsal and tibial brushes present to legpair 7, sometimes present to legpair 9, but then *prof* distinctly elongated and broadly curved.

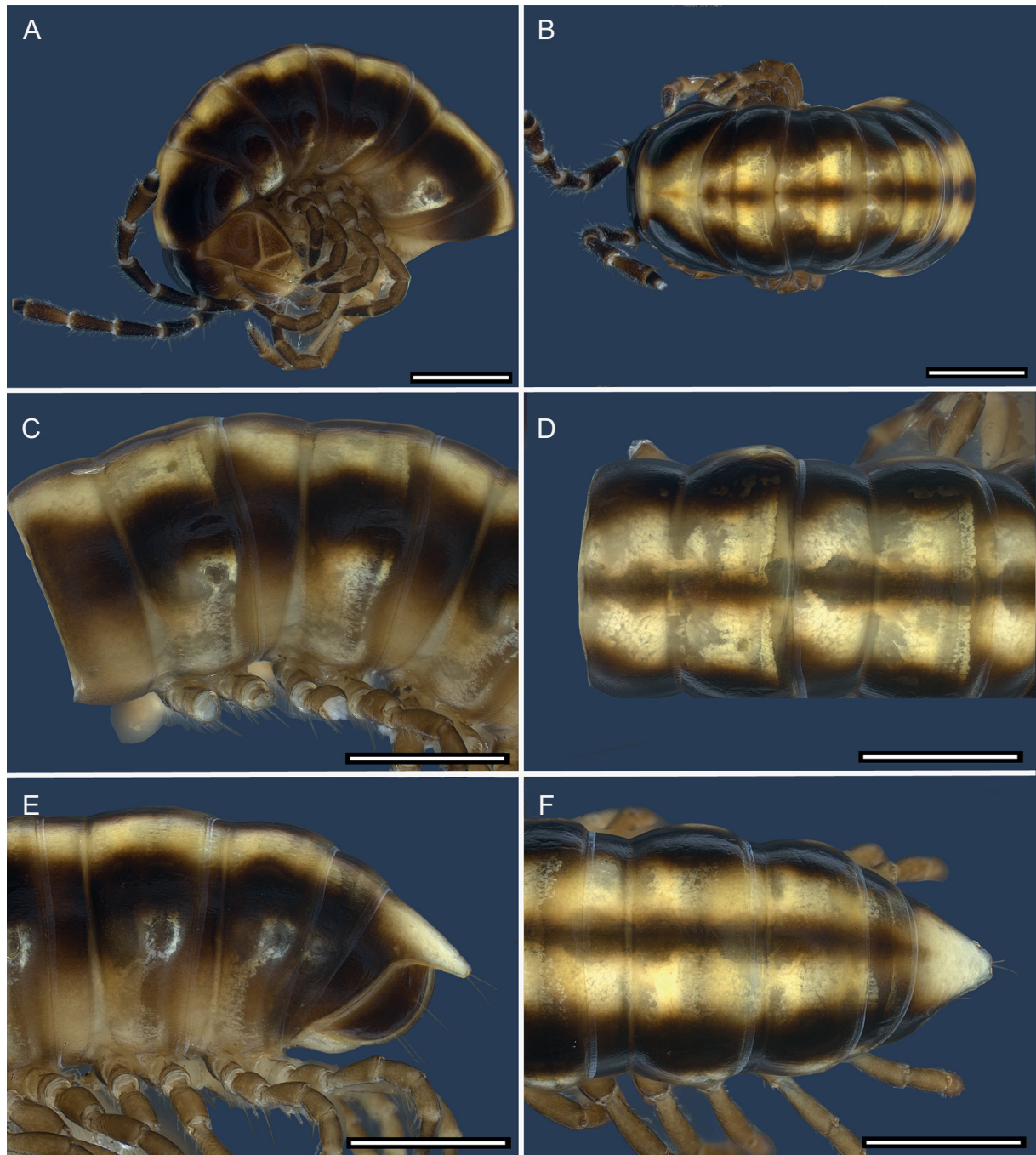


Fig. 8. *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), ♂, from Kennett River, Grey River Road (NMV K-13114). **A–B.** Anterior rings. **A.** Left lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view. **C–D.** Rings 10 and 11. **C.** Left lateral view. **D.** Dorsal view. **E–F.** Posterior rings. **E.** Left lateral view. **F.** Dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

Material studied

Lectotype (here designated)

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂ *Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum*, Victoria, Melbourne, leg. Konsul Martin (GMNH).

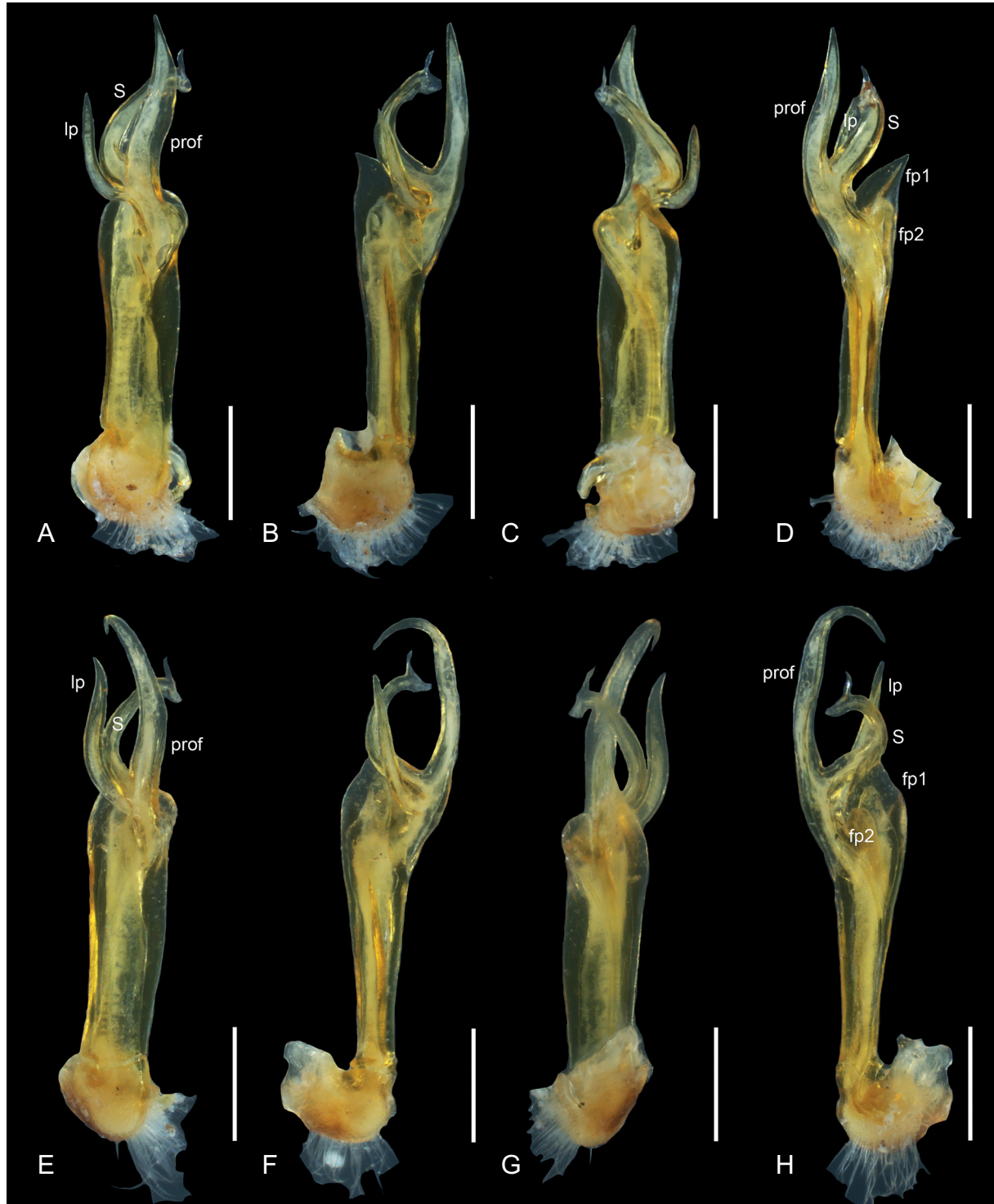


Fig. 9. *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), ♂, right gonopod. **A–D.** AMS KS96017 Ferntree Gully. **E–H.** NMV K-10248 from Sandringham and Brighton. **A, E.** Posterior view. **B, F.** Lateral view. **C, G.** Anterior view. **D, H.** Mesal view. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

Paralectotype (here designated)

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♀ *Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum*, same data as lectotype (GMNH).

Other material examined

See Supplement 1 (total: 82 localities, 214 ♂♂, 118 ♀♀, 11 juv.)

Description

MEASUREMENTS. Length ca 1.7–2.4 cm; midbody width ca 1.7–2.2 mm.

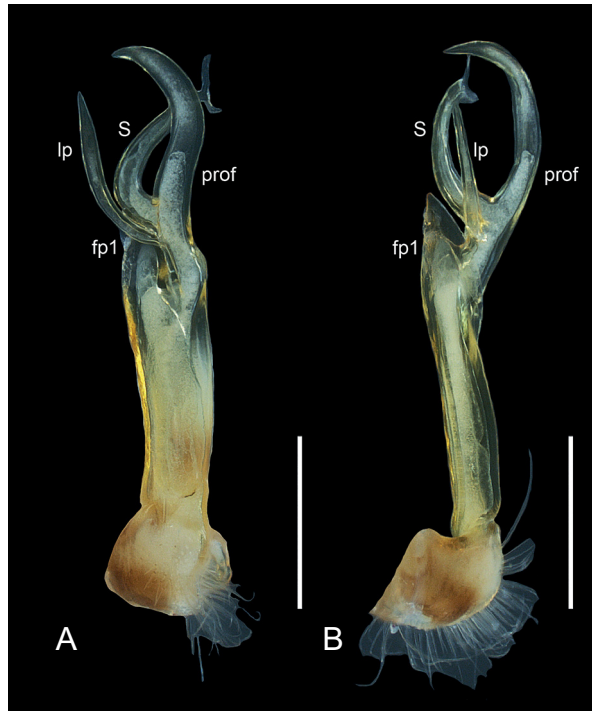


Fig. 10. *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), male, right gonopod (QM 23:40346). **A.** Posterior view. **B.** Lateral view. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

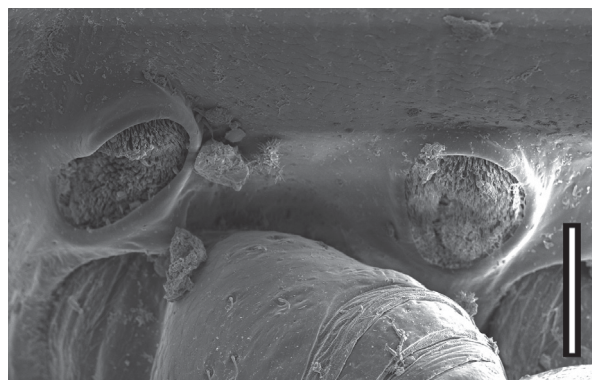


Fig. 11. *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), male, spiracles, midbody ring, left lateral view (NMV K-12158). Scale bar: 0.1 mm.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 8, 26A); margin of lateral edges of collum often slightly to distinctly lighter (Fig. 8B). Dorsum with 2 paramedian light yellowish brown stripes and darker median brown stripe. On prozonites the trapezoidal paramedian light band slightly broader anteriorly, and on metazonites slightly broader posteriorly, broadest at 1/3 of length (Figs 8D, 26A). Median darker stripe narrow to rhombic, broadest 3/4 of length on metazonites and prozonites. Flanks often distinctly lighter. Area around ozopores slightly to distinctly lighter, cloudy pale (Fig. 8C).

STERNITES. Sometimes with slightly developed sternal cones, especially in anterior and midbody rings.

LEGS. Male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7 or 9, rarely to 8. Male coxa of legpair 6 and 7 slightly swollen to cone-like. Female coxa of legpair 2 rarely with slightly enlarged rounded process on caudal side directing posterodistad.

GONOPODS. Considerable variability present (Figs 1, 9–10). Femorite (*F*) moderately long and wide. Prolongation of femorite (*prof*) long to very long, S-shaped. Apical part of *prof* ranging from short, directed straight distad (Fig. 9A–D), to long, curving posterolaterally, nearly reaching tip of lateral process (*lp*) (Fig. 9E–H). Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) laminate, short, more or less broadly subtriangular with pointed tip, often slightly curved posteriad, not reaching *lp* and solenomere (*S*). Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) small, knob-like to subtriangular. Lateral process (*lp*) on lateral side of *prof*, short to long, slender, directed distolaterally, sometimes projecting distad of solenomere.

SPIRACLES. Anterior spiracles distinctly obliquely ovoid. Rim raised with anterodorsal side often

broadly extended, not lobiform and spiracular filter not or slightly protruding. Posterior spiracle ovoid with low rim, spiracular filter not protruding (Fig. 11).

Distribution

From Central Gippsland and central Victoria to the Otway Ranges and Ballarat area; also present in northwestern Tasmania and on King Island (Fig. 7). It has recently been found in the city of Launceston in north central Tasmania, and is apparently introduced there (with short *prof*).

Remarks

Carl (1902) described *Strongylosoma nigrovirgatum* based on one male and one female in the Muséum d'histoire naturelle de la Ville de Genève. The male right gonopod is missing. We designate the male as lectotype and female as paralectotype.

The subspecies *P. nigrovirgatum infusum*, described from Central Gippsland, only differs by a broader *fp1* from the nominate species. In the material studied here, including material from the type locality of *P. nigrovirgatum*, the width of the *fp1* differed within some populations from slender to broadly *infusum*-like. *Pogonosternum n. infusum* is treated here as a synonym of *P. nigrovirgatum*.

Specimens fitting the description of *P. coniferum* by Jeekel (1965) are restricted to the coastal area around Port Philip Bay. These have a very long and curved *prof*, a moderate to long *lp*, and male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 9 (Fig. 9E–H), while in *P. nigrovirgatum* sensu stricto, distributed from northern central Victoria to Gippsland, *prof* and *lp* are short and tarsal and tibial brushes are present to legpair 7 (Fig. 9A–D). However, the Tasmanian, Otway Ranges and western central Victorian populations contain long *coniferum*-like (Fig. 9E–H) to intermediate states of *prof* (Fig. 10), sometimes both forms present within one population, with male brushes ranging to legpair 7, except in Brisbane Ranges National Park to legpair 9. *Pogonosternum coniferum* is here made a synonym of *P. nigrovirgatum* due to the existence of these intermediate forms and the fact that *P. coniferum* clusters with *P. nigrovirgatum* in a phylogenetic analysis based on mitochondrial COI and 16S rDNA sequences (Decker 2016a).

The mention of *Pogonosternum* in northwestern Tasmania by Jeekel (1982a: 202) probably refers to *P. nigrovirgatum*, although Jeekel does not state what material he examined.

Pogonosternum adrianae Jeekel, 1982

Figs 5G, 7, 12–14, 26B

Pogonosternum adrianae Jeekel 1982a: 203, 205, fig. 2

Pogonosternum adrianae – Mesibov 2004: 42 (record). — Jeekel 2006: 66 (mention). — Nguyen & Sierwald 2013: 1158 (record). — Decker 2016a: 16–25 (record, mention).

Diagnosis

Differs from other *Pogonosternum* species in having one lighter longitudinal stripe and no median darker stripe; from *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov. and *P. laetificum* primarily by the enlarged femoral process 1 (*fp1*) and 2 (*fp2*) and the lateral process (*lp*) directed laterally, but also by the presence of a subtriangular pointed process of the female leg 2 coxa; male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7; anterior spiracles obliquely ovoid with anterodorsally slightly extended rim and spiracular filter not protruding; largest known species of *Pogonosternum* with midbody width of 2.8–3.2 mm.

Material studied

Holotype

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, Victoria, Toongabbie, 18 km NNE of Traralgon, margin of *Eucalyptus* forest with grassland, under logs, 15 Nov. 1980, leg. C.A.W. Jeekel and A.M. Jeekel-Rijvers (NBC).

Paratypes

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, same data as holotype (NBC).

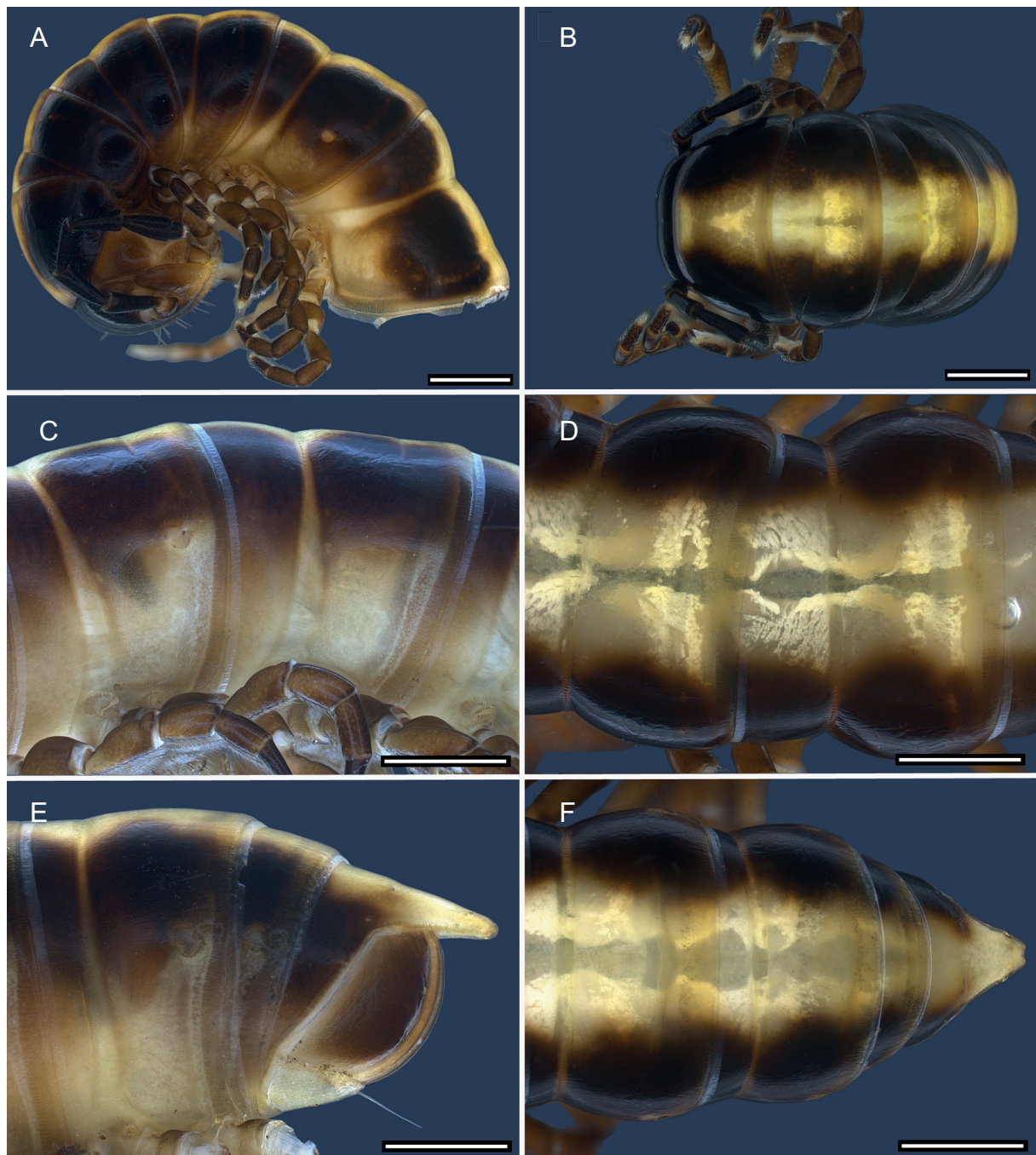


Fig. 12. *Pogonosternum adrianae* Jeekel, 1982, male from Moe-Walhalla Road (NMV K-12207). A–B. Anterior rings. A. Left lateral view. B. Dorsal view. C–D. Rings 10 and 11. C. Left lateral view. D. Dorsal view. E–F. Posterior rings. E. Left lateral view. F. Dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

Other material examined

See Supplement 1 (total: 5 localities, 11 ♂♂, 11 ♀♀, 8 juv.)

Description

MEASUREMENTS. Length ca 2.6–2.8 cm; midbody width ca 2.8–3.2 mm.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 12, 26B): margin of lateral edges of collum sometimes slightly lighter. Dorsum with broad median light yellowish brown stripe. On prozonites the trapezoidal paramedian light band slightly broader anteriorly, and on metazonites slightly broader posteriorly, broadest at 1/3 of length (Figs 12D, 26B). Flanks and area around ozopores slightly lighter (Fig. 12C).

STERNITES. No conspicuous sternal cones.

LEGS. Male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7, abruptly absent after. Female coxa of legpair 2 with pointed triangular process on caudal side directed distad, reaching $\frac{3}{4}$ of prefemur (Fig. 5G).

GONOPODS. Femorite (*F*) long and slender (Fig. 13), narrowing towards prefemorite (*PF*). Prolongation of femorite (*prof*) long, slender, S-shaped, proximal half directed posteriad and apical half directed distad. Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) laminate, very long, subtriangular with pointed tip, slightly curved mesally, projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) and slightly distad of solenomere (*S*). Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) very long, more slender than *fp1*, whitish in colour, inflated, attached closely to *fp1*; apex of *fp2* curved, not attached to *fp1*, margin serrulate. Lateral process (*lp*) on lateral side of *prof*, short, slender, directed distolaterally, not projecting distad of solenomere.



Fig. 13. *Pogonosternum adrianae* Jeekel, 1982, male, right gonopod (NMV K-10719). A. Posterior view. B. Lateral view. C. Anterior view. D. Mesal view. Scale bars = 0.5 mm.



Fig. 14. *Pogonosternum adrianae* Jeekel, 1982, male, spiracles, midbody ring, left lateral side (NMV K-10719). Scale bar = 0.1 mm.

SPIRACLES. Anterior spiracles obliquely ovoid. Rim slightly raised and spiracular filter not protruding. Posterior spiracle ovoid with low rim, spiracular filter not protruding (Fig. 14).

Distribution

Strzelecki Ranges and central southern part of the Victorian Highlands (Fig. 7).

Remarks

A phylogenetic analysis (Decker 2016a) showed that this species is very closely related to *P. laetificum* with low genetic distances between populations of the two species.

We accept *P. adrianae* as a valid species because of its constant morphology, larger size and distinctive details of the gonopods (*prof*, *fp1*, *fp2*, *F*), spiracles, dorsal colouration and process of female second leg 2 coxa, with no intermediate features between *P. adrianae* and *P. laetificum* noted.

Pogonosternum laetificum Jeekel, 1982

Figs 6A, 7, 15–17, 26C

Pogonosternum laetificum Jeekel 1982a: 203, fig. 1

Pogonosternum laetificum – Mesibov 2004: 42 (record). — Nguyen & Sierwald 2013: 1159 (record). — Decker 2016a: 16–25 (record, mention).

Diagnosis

Differs from other *Pogonosternum* species in having one lighter longitudinal stripe and no median darker stripe; from *P. adrianae* and *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov., primarily by the small femoral process 2 (*fp2*) and the lateral process (*lp*) being directed laterally, but also the presence of a rounded subtriangular, not pointed, process on the female leg 2 coxa; male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7–12; anterior spiracles obliquely ovoid with anterodorsally extended rim and spiracular filter not or slightly protruding.

Material studied

Holotype

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, Victoria, Ferntree Gully National Park, 18 km NNE of Dandenong, station 93, along nature track in temperate rainforest with tree ferns, under logs and litter and in rotting trees, 18 Nov. 1980, leg. C.A.W. Jeekel & A.M. Jeekel-Rijvers (NBC).

Paratypes

AUSTRALIA: 3 ♀♀, same data as holotype (NBC).

Other material examined

See Supplement 1 (total: 25 localities, 78 ♂♂, 30 ♀♀, 12 juv.)

Description

MEASUREMENTS. Length ca 1.8–2.4 cm; midbody width ca 1.7–2.1 mm.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 15, 26C): Margin of lateral edges of collum sometimes slightly lighter. Dorsum with broad median light yellowish brown stripe. On prozonites the trapezoidal paramedian light band slightly broader anteriorly, and on metazonites slightly broader posteriorly, nearly

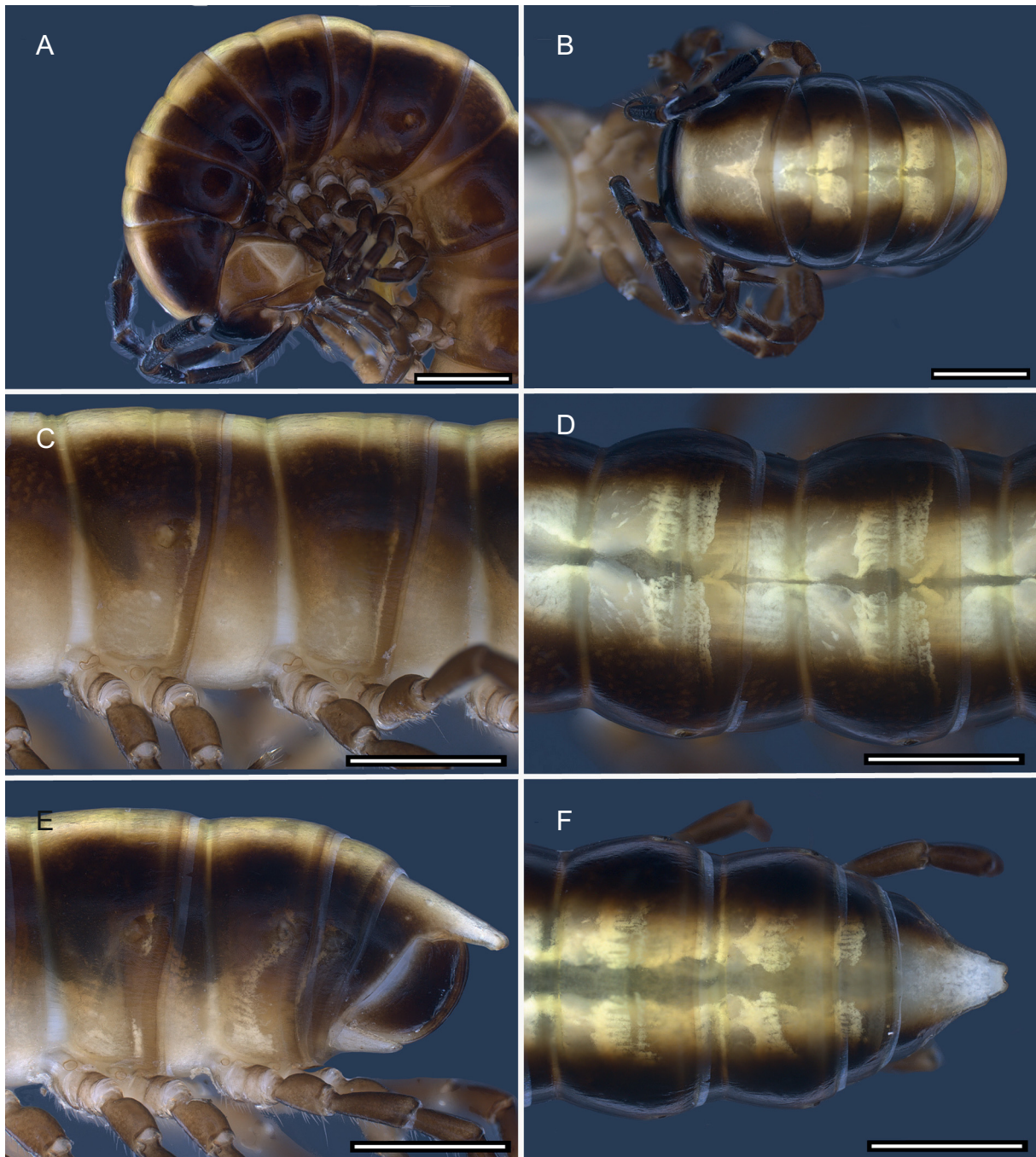


Fig. 15. *Pogonosternum laetificum* Jeekel, 1982, ♂, from Marysville, Mt Margaret Road (NMV K-12109). **A–B.** Anterior rings **A.** Left lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view. **C–D.** Rings 10 and 11. **C.** Left lateral view. **D.** Dorsal view. **E–F.** Posterior rings. **E.** Left lateral view. **F.** Dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

parallel, broadest at $\frac{4}{5}$ of length (Figs 15D, 26C). Flanks and area around ozopores slightly lighter (Fig. 15C).

STERNITES. No conspicuous sternal cones.

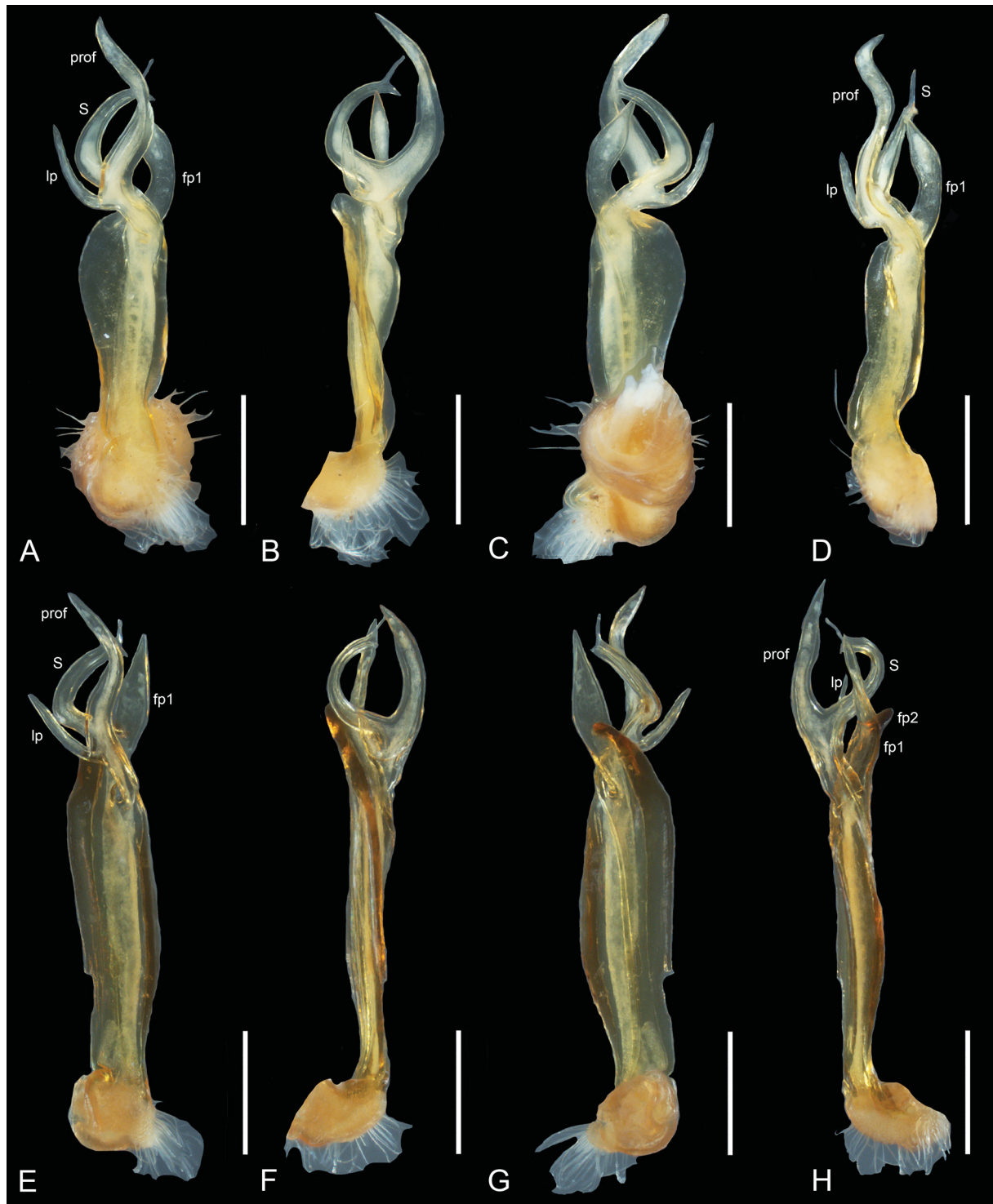


Fig. 16. *Pogonosternum laetificum* Jeekel, 1982, ♂, right gonopod. **A–D.** ANIC 64-000049 from Cumberland Valley Reserve. **E–H.** NMV K10249 from Murrindindi River. **A, E.** Posterior view. **B, F.** Lateral view. **C, G.** Anterior view. **D, H.** Mesal view. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

LEGS. Male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7, 9 or up to 12 thin out posteriorly, especially on tibia. Female coxa of leg 2 often with rounded process on caudal side directing posterodistad.

GONOPODS. Considerable variability present (Fig 16). Femorite (*F*) ranging from short and broad, dorsolaterally wider (Fig. 16A–D), to long and slender (Fig. 16E–H). Prolongation of femorite (*prof*) long, S-shaped. Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) laminate, long, subtriangular to lozenge-shaped with pointed tip, projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) and reaching solenomere (*S*). Shape of *fp1* ranging from laterally curved and not twisted (Fig. 16A–D) to more or less straight and twisted (Fig. 16E–H). Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) small, reduced to a knob or ridge-shaped structure. Lateral process (*lp*) on lateral side of *prof*, short, slender, directed distolaterally, not projecting distad of solenomere.

SPIRACLES. Anterior spiracles distinctly obliquely ovoid. Rim raised with anterodorsal side broadly extended, not lobiform and spiracular filter not or slightly protruding. Posterior spiracle ovoid with low rim and spiracular filter not protruding (Fig. 17).

Distribution

Victorian Highlands north and east of Melbourne and northwestern Strzelecki Ranges (Fig. 7).

Remarks

There is no apparent geographical pattern to gonopod variation in *P. laetificum* (see also Decker 2016a). The distribution of male tarsal and tibial brushes often varies within a population at a single site.

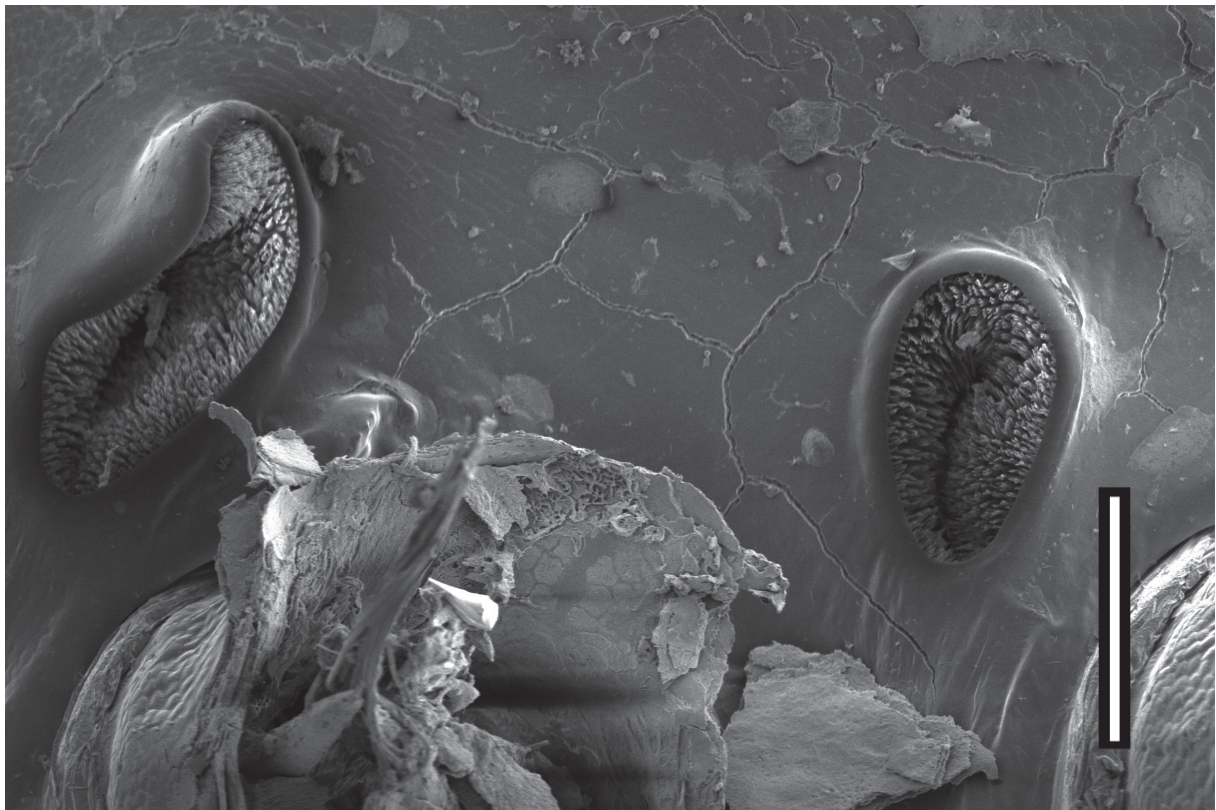


Fig. 17. *Pogonosternum laetificum* Jeekel, 1982, ♂, spiracles, midbody ring, left lateral side (NMV K-9963). Scale bar: 0.1 mm.

Pogonosternum jeekeli Decker, sp. nov.

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Figs 5C, 7, 18–21, 26D

Pogonosternum sp. – Mesibov & Churchill 2003: 3–7 (record, ecology). — Decker 2016a: 16 (record).

Pogonosternum sp. A — Decker 2016a: 17–24 (record, mention).



Fig. 18. *Pogonosternum jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, holotype from Warby-Ovens National Park, Devenish-Wangaratta Road (NMV K-12178). **A–B.** Anterior rings. **A.** left lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view. **C–D.** Rings 10 and 11. **C.** Left lateral view. **D.** Dorsal view. **E–F.** Posterior rings. **E.** Left lateral view, **F.** Dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

Diagnosis

Differs from the other *Pogonosternum* species in having two lighter paramedian stripes and a median darker stripe; from *P. nigrovirgatum*, primarily by lateral process (*lp*) often longer, reaching or projecting distad of most distal position of prolongation of femorite (*prof*), male tarsal and tibial brushes present to legpair 9, but *prof* never distinctly elongated and broadly curved.

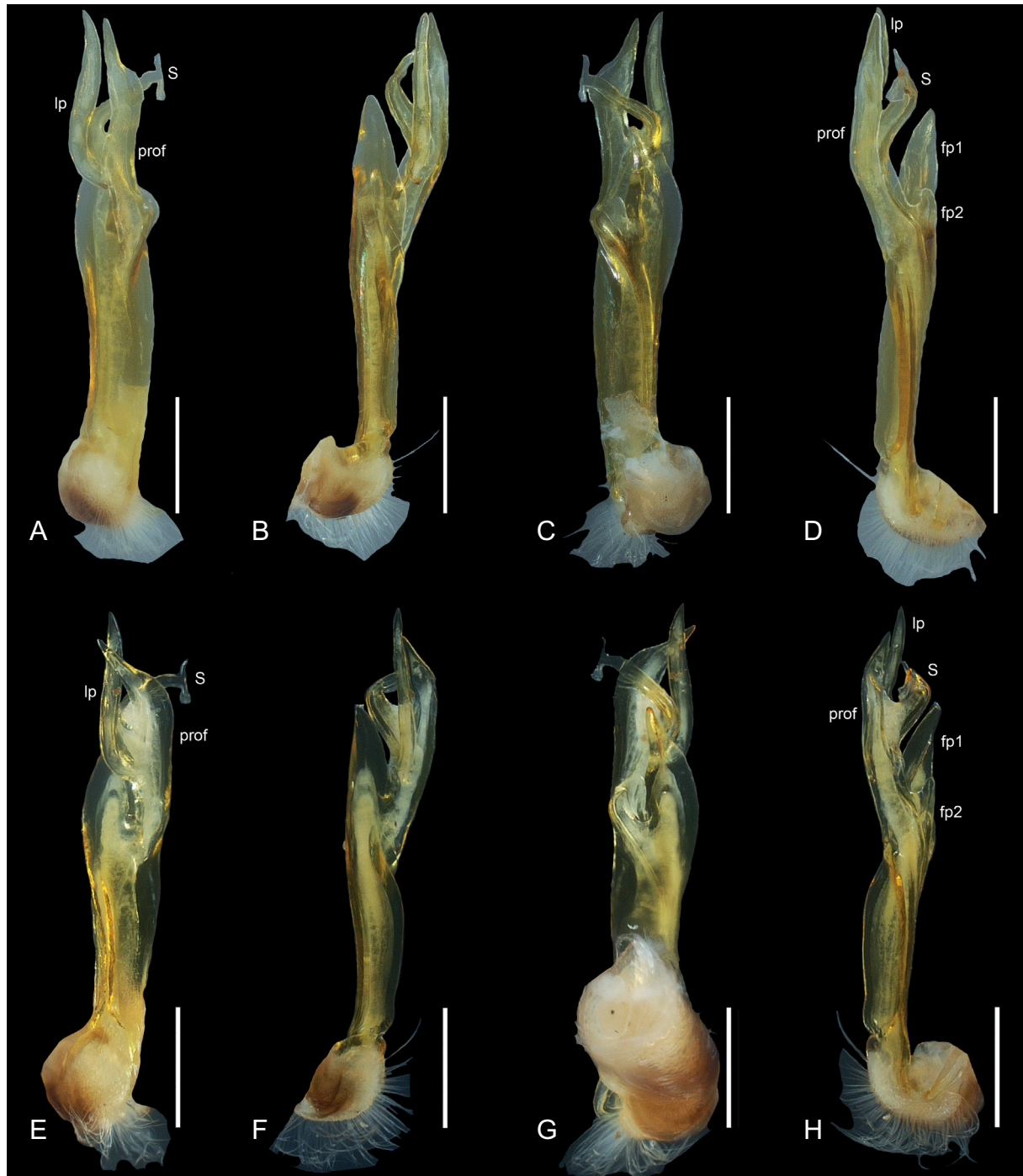


Fig. 19. *Pogonosternum jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, right gonopod. **A–D.** NMV K-10252 from Dyer Creek. **E–H.** NMV K-10250 from Bemm River. **A, E.** Posterior view. **B, F.** Lateral view. **C, G.** Anterior view. **D, H.** Mesal view. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

Etymology

In honour of the Dutch myriapodologist Casimir A.W. Jeekel, who worked on the Australian paradoxosomatid fauna and described most of the previously known species of *Pogonosternum*.

Material studied

Holotype

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, Victoria, Warby-Ovens National Park, 8 km NE of Thoona, Devenish-Wangaratta Road, S22, 8 Aug. 2014, leg. P. Decker, R. Mesibov & K. Voigtländer (NMV K-12178).

Paratypes

AUSTRALIA: 5 ♂♂, same data as holotype (NMV K-13343–13347); 1 ♂, same data as holotype (SMNG VNR017113); 1 ♂, Victoria, Warby-Ovens National Park, 6 km N of Glenrowan, Taminick Gap Road, S21, 8 Aug. 2014, leg. P. Decker, R. Mesibov and K. Voigtländer (NMV K-12177); 4 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, same data as preceding material (NMV K- K-13326–13342); 1 ♂, Victoria, Warby-Ovens National Park, 9 km NE of Thoona, Ridge Road, S23, 8 Aug. 2014, leg. P. Decker, R. Mesibov and K. Voigtländer (NMV K-12179).

Other material examined

See Supplement 1 (total: 38 localities, 62 ♂♂, 30 ♀♀, 33 juv.)

Description

MEASUREMENTS. Length ca 1.7–2.5 cm; midbody width ca 1.8–2.4 mm.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 18, 26D): margin of lateral edges of collum sometimes slightly to distinctly lighter (Fig. 18B). Dorsum with 2 paramedian light yellowish brown stripes and darker median brown stripe. On prozonites the trapezoidal paramedian light band slightly broader anteriorly, and on metazonites slightly broader posteriorly, broadest at 1/3 of length (Figs 18D, 26D).

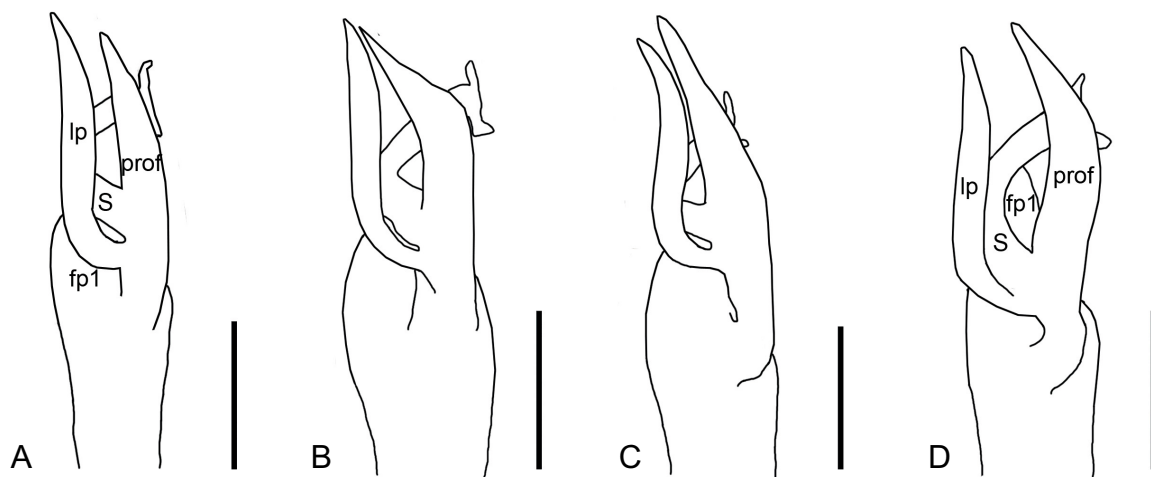


Fig. 20. *Pogonosternum jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, right gonopod, posterior view. **A.** NMV K-12178, holotype from Warby-Ovens National Park, Devenish-Wangaratta Road. **B.** NMV K-12195 from Cabbage Tree Palms Flora Reserve. **C.** NMV K-12197 from Buchan Caves Reserve. **D.** SMNG VNR016986 from Waterhouse Conservation Area. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

Darker median stripe narrow to rhombic, broadest 3/4 of length on metazonites and prozonites. Flanks often distinctly lighter. Area around ozopores slightly to distinctly lighter, cloudy pale (Fig. 18C).

STERNITES. No conspicuous sternal cones.

LEGS. Male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 9, abruptly absent after.

GONOPODS. Considerable variability present (Figs 19–20). Femorite (*F*) moderately long and wide. Prolongation of femorite (*prof*) long to very long, S-shaped. Apical part of *prof* rather short, directing nearly straightly distad (Fig 20A) to distolaterally curved, sometimes crossing lateral process (*lp*) anteriorly or posteriorly to *lp* (Fig. 19E–H). Apical part of *prof* often abruptly narrowing mesally (Figs 19, 20B). Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) laminate, moderate to long, moderately broadly subtriangular with more or less blunt tip, not reaching *lp* and solenomere (*S*). Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) small, knob-like to subtriangular. Lateral process (*lp*) on lateral side of *prof*, moderate to long, laminate, directed distolaterally, tip often curved laterally, projecting distad of solenomere, projecting distad of (Figs 19, 20A) or nearly reaching *prof*.

SPIRACLES. Anterior spiracles distinctly obliquely ovoid. Rim raised with anterodorsal side often broadly extended, not lobiform and spiracular filter not or slightly protruding. Posterior spiracle ovoid with low rim and spiracular filter not protruding (Fig. 21).

Ecology

Pogonosternum jeekeli Decker, sp. nov. was mostly found in forests to 400 m a.s.l., but was also collected at ca 920 m a.s.l. and was found in pine plantations by Car (2010).

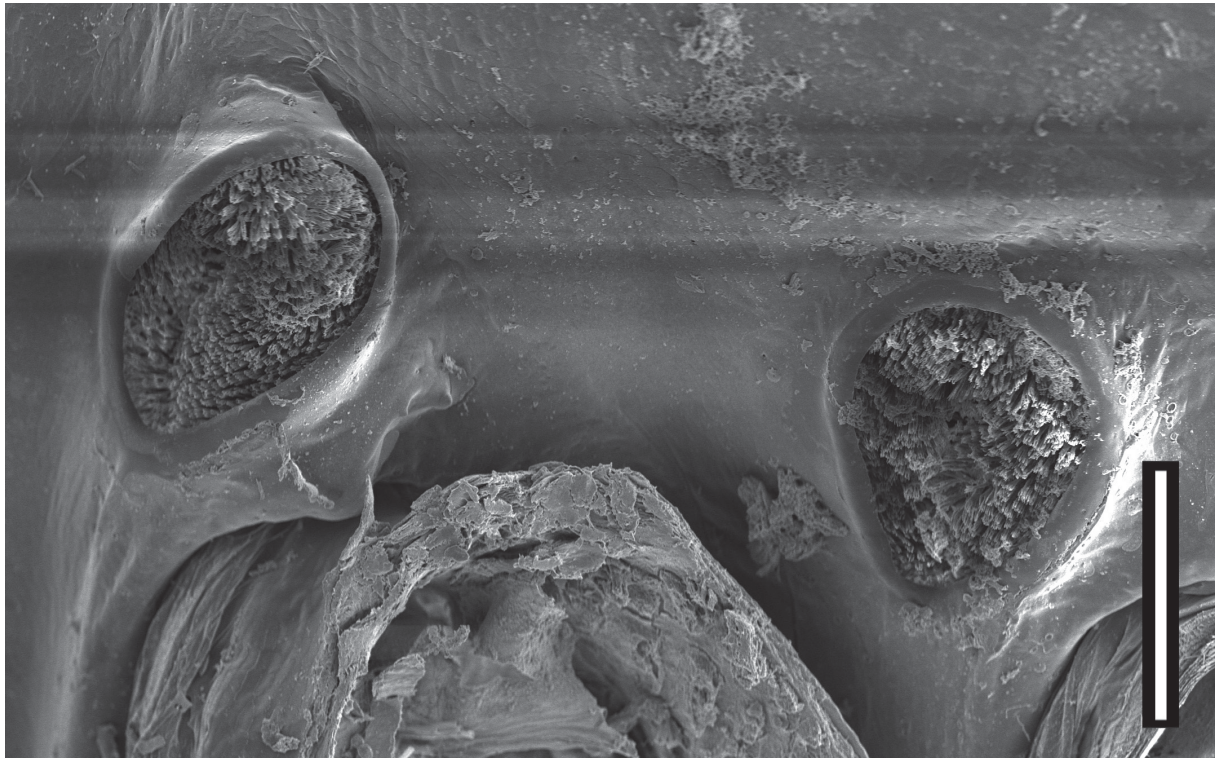


Fig. 21. *Pogonosternum jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, spiracles, midbody ring, left lateral side (QM 23:15360). Scale bar: 0.1 mm.

Distribution

So far known from the northern and southern borders of the Great Dividing Range in eastern Victoria and southeastern New South Wales. Also recorded from Flinders Island and some islands of the Furneaux Group in the Bass Strait and in the northeastern corner of Tasmania (Fig. 7).

Remarks

There is no apparent geographical pattern to gonopod variation in *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov. (see also Decker 2016a). Specimens from coastal central Gippsland, east of Orbost, and Tasmania are lighter in colour on the flanks than those from the higher elevated areas of the Australian mainland.

Pogonosternum montanum Decker, sp. nov.

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Figs 2A, 4, 5H, 7, 22–25, 26E

Pogonosternum sp. 2 – Car 2010: 320 (record). — Decker 2016a: 16 (record).

Pogonosternum sp. B – Decker 2016a: 17–25 (record, mention).

Diagnosis

Differs from other *Pogonosternum* species in having one lighter longitudinal stripe and no median darker stripe; from *P. adrianae* and *P. laetificum*, primarily by the proximad bending femoral process 2 (*fp*2) and the lateral process (*lp*) directed mesally, but also by the presence of a subtriangular, not pointed, process on the female leg 2 coxa; male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7; anterior spiracles obliquely ovoid with large lobiform anterodorsally extended rim and spiracular filter distinctly protruding.

Etymology

The name means “mountaineer” or “mountainous” in Latin and refers to this species’ principal occurrences at higher elevations in the Australian Alps.

Material studied

Holotype

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, New South Wales, 14 km NNE of Tumbarumba, Batlow Road, SW of Back Creek Road junction, S28, 9 Aug. 2014, leg. P. Decker, R. Mesibov and K. Voigtländer (NMV K-12184).

Paratypes

AUSTRALIA: 1 ♂, same data as holotype (SMNG VNR 016993); 1 ♂, same data as holotype (NMV K-13348); 1 ♂, Victoria, 7 km SE of Holbrook, Mt Lawson State Park, S26, 9 Aug. 2014, leg. P. Decker, R. Mesibov and K. Voigtländer (NMV K-12182); 1 ♂, Victoria, Mt Beauty, 29 Mar. 2000, leg. M. Burns (AMS KS106738).

Other material examined

See Supplement 1 (total: 17 localities, 80 ♂♂, 41 ♀♀, 17 juv.)

Description

MEASUREMENTS. Length ca 1.7–2.3 cm; midbody width ca 1.9–2.2 mm.

COLOURATION. Colour in fresh material (Figs 22, 26E): margin of lateral edges of collum sometimes slightly lighter. Dorsum with broad median light yellowish brown stripe. On prozonites the trapezoidal

paramedian light band slightly broader anteriorly, and on metazonites slightly broader posteriorly, broadest at 1/3 of length (Figs 22D, 26E). Flanks and area around ozopores slightly lighter (Fig. 22C).

STERNITES. No conspicuous sternal cones.

LEGS. Male tarsal and tibial brushes present from legpair 1 to 7, abruptly absent after. Female coxa of legpair 2 with subtriangular process on caudal side directed distad (Fig. 34).

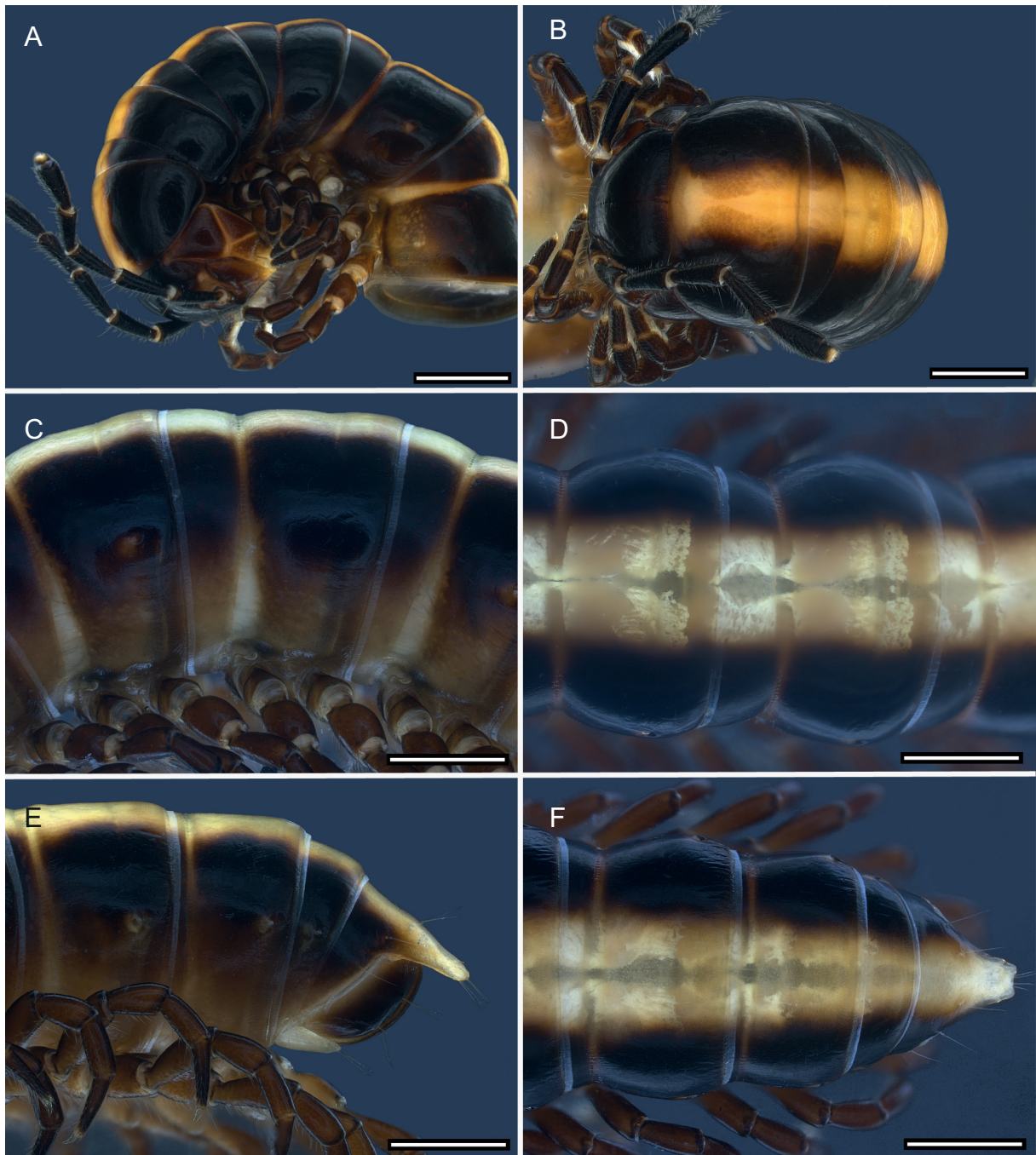


Fig. 22. *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, from Batlow Road (NMV K-12184). **A–B.** Anterior rings **A.** Left lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view. **C–D.** Rings 10 and 11. **C.** Left lateral view. **D.** Dorsal view. **E–F.** Posterior rings. **E.** Left lateral view, **F.** Dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

GONOPODS. Femorite (*F*) short and broad (Figs 23–24). Prolongation of femorite (*prof*) long, S-shaped. Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) laminate, long, subtriangular, slightly curved anteriorly, not projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) and solenomere (*S*). Femoral process 2 (*fp2*) short, slender, bent proximally. Lateral process (*lp*) on mesal side of *prof*, short, laminate, directed mesally.

SPIRACLES. Anterior spiracles obliquely ovoid. Rim raised with anterodorsal side extended, distinctly lobiform and spiracular filter twisted and protruding. Posterior spiracle ovoid with low rim and spiracular filter mostly protruding (Figs 4A, 25).

Ecology

Pogonosternum montanum Decker, sp. nov. Decker was mostly found in mountain forests from 600 to 1110 m a.s.l. It also occurs in pine plantations (Car 2010 and new collections west of Tumbarumba, New South Wales) and was collected in coastal Central Gippsland near Bruthen (AMS KS.105106), where it is possibly introduced.

Distribution

Australian Alps in far eastern Victoria and far southeastern New South Wales and adjacent regions (Fig. 7).

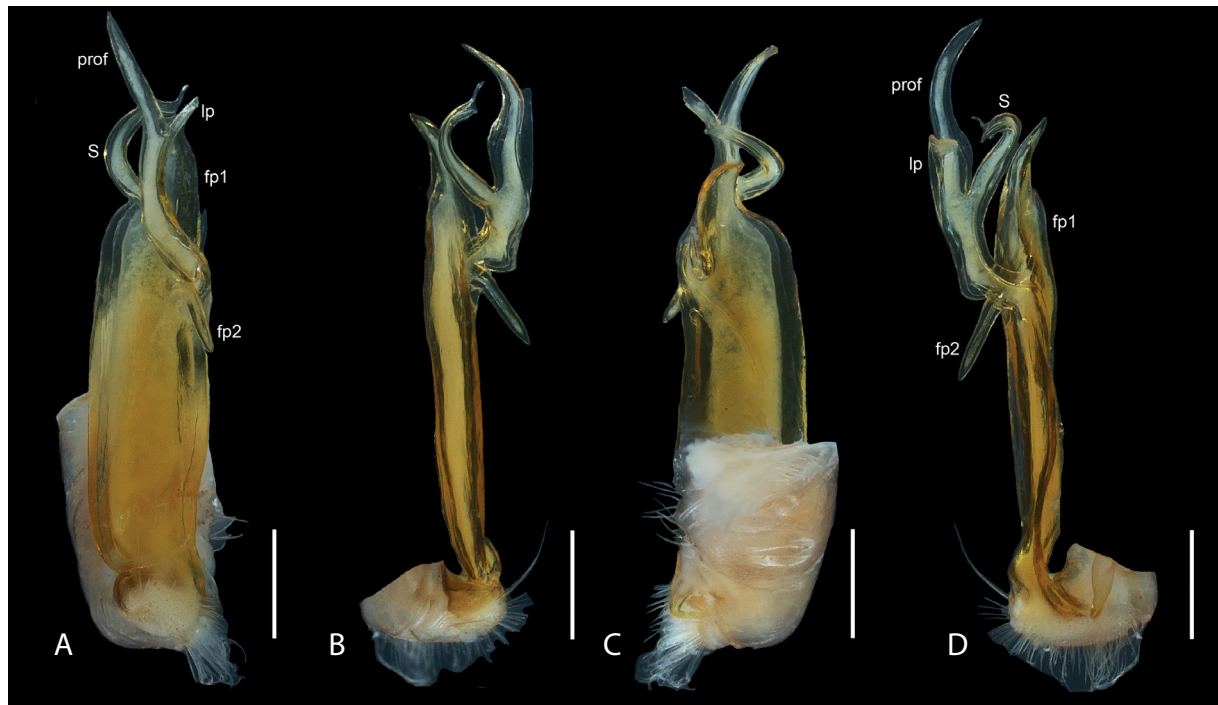


Fig. 23. *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, paratype from Mt Beauty, right gonopod (AMS KS106738). **A.** Posterior view. **B.** Lateral view. **C.** Anterior view. **D.** Mesal view. Abbreviations: see Material and methods. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.

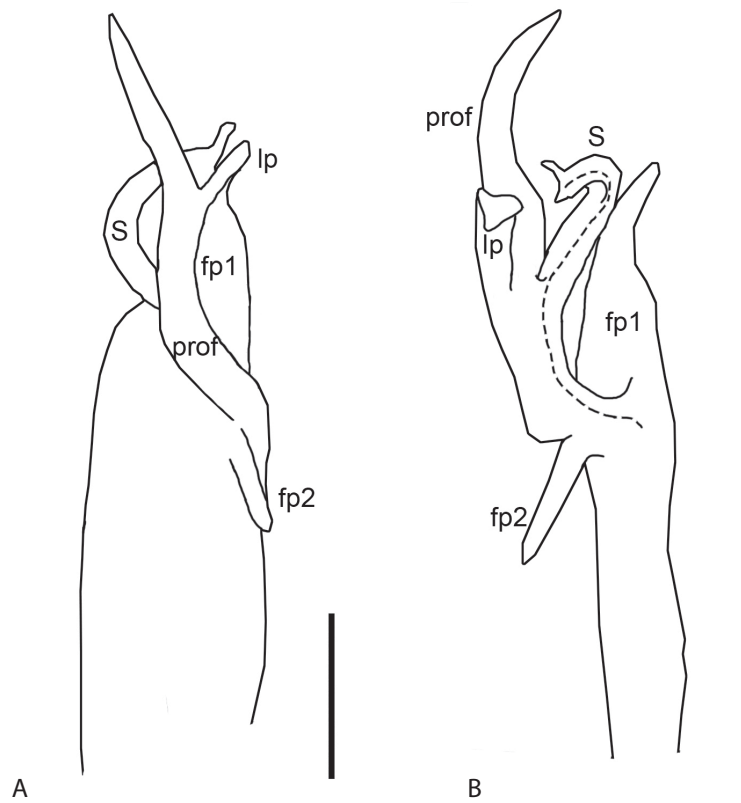


Fig. 24. *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, paratype from Mt Beauty, right gonopod (AMS KS106738). **A.** Posterior view. **B.** Mesal view. Abbreviations: see Material and methods. Scale bars: 0.5 mm.



Fig. 25. *Pogonosternum montanum* Decker, sp. nov., ♂, paratype, spiracles, midbody ring, left lateral side (NMV K-12184). Scale bar: 0.1 mm.



Fig. 26. Habitus and live colouration. **A.** *Pogonosternum nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1902), ♂ from Adams Creek Nature Conservation Reserve (SMNG VNR016989). **B.** *P. adrianae* Jeeker, 1982, ♂ from Grand Ridge Road (NMV K-13349). **C.** *P. laetificum* Jeeker, 1982, ♂ from Toolangi State Forest, Two Hills Road. **D.** *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov., ♂ from Warby-Ovens National Park, Taminick Gap Road. **E.** *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov., ♂ (left, NMV K-12183) and ♀ (right, NMV K-13351) from Linden Roth Drive. Scale bars = 5 mm.

Key to species of the genus *Pogonosternum*

1. Dorsum with one median light band (Figs 12D, 15D, 22D). Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) (Figs 13, 16) or femoral process 2 (*fp2*) directed proximad (Figs 23, 24). 2
 - Dorsum with two paramedian light bands, divided by a narrow darker stripe (Figs 8D, 18D). Femoral process 1 (*fp1*) not projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) and femoral process 2 (*fp2*) small, directed distad (Figs 9–10) 4

2. Body larger: width over 3.0 mm (male) or 3.2 mm (female). Femorite of gonopods elongate, slender. Gonopod process *fp2* (and *fp1*) long and laminate, projecting distad of *lp* (Fig. 13). Females with pointed process on coxa of legpair 2, reaching 3/4 of prefemur (Fig. 5G) . *P. adrianae* Jeekel, 1982
 - Body smaller: width under 2.3 mm (male) or 2.7 mm (female). Femorite of gonopods not particularly elongate or slender. Gonopod process *fp2* short, not projecting distad of *lp* (Figs 16, 23–24). Females with rounded process on coxa of legpair 2, reaching 1/4 of prefemur (Fig. 5H) 3

3. Gonopod process *fp1* long, distinctly projecting distad of lateral process (*lp*) and *fp2* short, knoblike, directed proximad, *lp* directed mesad (Fig. 16). Male tarsal and tibial brushes present to legpair 8–12 *P. laetificum* Jeekel, 1982
 - Gonopod process *fp1* short, not projecting distad of *lp* and *fp2* slender, curved, directed proximad, *lp* directed laterad (Figs 23, 24). Male tarsal and tibial brushes present to legpair 7 *P. montanum* Decker, sp. nov.

4. Lateral process (*lp*) short or medium sized, not reaching or projecting distad of most distal position of prolongation of femorite (*prof*) (Figs 9–10). Male tarsal and tibial brushes present to legpair 7, when *prof* not elongated (Fig. 9A–D); sometimes present to legpair 9, when *prof* distinctly elongated and broadly curved (Fig. 9E–H) *P. nigrovirgatum* (Carl, 1912)
 - Lateral process (*lp*) long, nearly reaching or projecting distad of most distal position of prolongation of femorite (*prof*) (Figs 19–20). Male tarsal and tibial brushes always present to legpair 9, *prof* not elongated and broadly curved *P. jeekeli* Decker, sp. nov.

Discussion

This study presents the fourth Australian paradoxosomatid genus to be revised using modern techniques and numerous specimens from various localities following the ‘exploratory era’ in which European taxonomists established genera based on a few specimens: *Antichiropus* (Attems 1911; Car *et al.* 2013; Car & Harvey 2014), *Dicladosomella* Jeekel, 1982 (Jeekel 1982b; Car 2015), *Oncocladosoma* Jeekel, 1985 (Jeekel 1985; Decker 2016b), *Pogonosternum* (Carl 1902; Jeekel 1965; Decker 2016a). Moreover, this is the second study on Australian Paradoxosomatidae that uses molecular data to support taxonomic decisions based on morphology; a similarly integrative revision of the South Australian genus *Oncocladosoma* revealed this taxon to be a junior synonym of *Somethus* Chamberlin, 1920 (Decker 2016). Furthermore, high variability in gonopod morphology and haplotype diversity was found in South Australian *Somethus* species, just as in *Pogonosternum*. Both revised genera show complex morphological and genetic patterns, which demonstrates the need for geographically comprehensive sampling and genetic approaches to detect both morphologically and genetically variable species and their distribution patterns, and to support species hypotheses, when revising other Australian paradoxosomatid genera. Larger studies of this kind would also lead to a better understanding of speciation, dispersal and (glacial) retraction processes; establish the most useful morphological features for determination; and locate short-range endemics and biodiversity hotspots for conservation purposes.

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